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## Pizza Santa

By Jean Perry

What's better than a visit with Santa Claus? Without a doubt, it's a visit with Santa Claus with pizza.

The Marion Police Brotherhood hosted its annual "Pizza With Santa" this year at the new Benjamin D. Cushing Community/Senior Center.

'Lieutenant' Santa, as he does every year, arrived at the event to a high-spirited crowd of kiddies. Only this year, Santa rolled onto the scene in style in the passenger seat of North Pole Officer Matthew McGraw's 1924 Ford Model T automobile, alfresco in the frigid air – which doesn't faze Santa, being from the North Pole and all.

The highlight of the day is always the magical moment of sitting on Santa's lap and being handed a candy cane upon disembarking said lap. But being handed a hot slice of pizza by retiring Police Chief Lincoln Miller is a close second, followed, of course, by sinking one's teeth into said pizza.

The brotherhood also collected donated toys so that all area children could receive a present this holiday season, and even the pizza was donated so that no child would go without a slice this holiday season – as it should be.

The brotherhood isn't really sure about how to



*On the Cover: An Arresting Arrival – 'Lieutenant' Santa was in style for his big arrival to the Marion Police Brotherhood's annual Pizza with Santa on Sunday, December 17. Santa waved from the passenger seat of a 1924 Ford Model T automobile owned by his elf, Officer Matthew McGraw. Having just been promoted to 'Chief' Santa, we expect Santa's arrival next year to be equally arresting. Photo by Jean Perry*

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top Lieutenant Santa's arrival via olde-tyme automobile next year when Santa returns for Christmas 2018 as 'Chief Santa' – but since the matter is still 'up in the air,' perhaps Santa could use a helicopter to get to the event on time ... what say you, brotherhood?

## The Trees of Life in Rochester

By Jean Perry

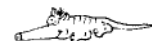
Human history is preserved in books. Time unfolds history while we record it and refold it into pages of paper, bound in books and set upon a timeless shelf – row after row, an endless flow of a story unchangeable.

In everyone, in everything, in every place there is a unique history as individual as every tiny seed the source forms and scatters. In the ground, the roots form the foundation of the immutable start of another story in our communal history – each story, a tree. As if all trees comprised one epic forest, so does each story – told and untold – comprise our one collective chronicle.

Rochester is one of those towns whose identity is rooted deeply in its past – a past that is sustained and stands like a mighty elm, slow-growing upwards as linear as the time that passes by it. Here, time has left many things untouched. And that's how the people here like it. And if histories can be like figurative trees, perhaps trees can be literal history.

Rochester is a tree 'city,' and it's self-evident in nature. Rochester doesn't need the Arbor Day Foundation to designate it a "Tree City USA," although it has now – for three consecutive years – as interest in Rochester's trees is revived, especially for its older, taller, most prominent trees. The trees with a story, trees where

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something 'happened,' where life happened. Trees still standing and trees that live only in memory.

As human beings go, Matthew Monteiro is relatively young. Too young to remember the days when America's elegant elms made grand avenues out of mere roads and dotted the landscape before Dutch elm disease in the 1930s triggered its demise, but old enough to undertake the responsibility as a caretaker of sorts of not only the preservation of Rochester's tree history, but also of Rochester's tree future.

A small group of Rochesterites joined Monteiro on Monday night inside the Plumb Library. They mostly listened to Monteiro give an overview of the town's involvement since 2015 as an Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA and what that entails for Rochester and its trees. But they also indulged in whatever tree history Monteiro could uncover through research to share with the group. Any other gaps in the tree history of Rochester not preserved on pages were filled in by individual memories and anecdotes.

"I have an interest in trees, obviously," said Monteiro, who replaced former Town Administrator Michael McCue as Rochester's Tree City USA representative.

McCue, who once expressed his surprise that Rochester in its rural splendor was not yet an official 'Tree City USA,' sought Tree City USA status for Rochester in 2015. As part of the town's involvement with the Arbor Day Foundation, the town must regularly engage in activities that benefit trees – promoting tree planting, educating the public on caring for trees, and encouraging an appreciation of them. For Monteiro, delving into the history of his town's trees is a worthwhile endeavor that not only satisfies the requirements as a Tree City USA, but also satisfies the soul of a dendrophile.

"What counts as a historic tree?" Monteiro asked. The obvious answer is an older tree, and usually a bigger tree. "But it doesn't have to be that. It could be a unique tree, or maybe it's the only Pawpaw tree in town.... It could be a rare endangered species, or it could be a tree that has significance to the town." It could even be a plain pine tree in front of Town Hall, mundane for the majority

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of months but then lit up every year during the holidays.

"Any of these could be historic in their own way," said Monteiro, "Or of some important event that happened in the past by a tree that's still living," like the Liberty Tree in Boston that served as a rallying point for the revolution (until British loyalists fell it in 1775).

Around 2000, the town established the Greenways Committee, now fused into the Rochester Land Trust.

The Greenways Committee engaged in many tree-centric undertakings including the planting of memorial trees and establishing a tree nursery on Dexter Lane. But pointing out the "big trees of Rochester," preserving them, and documenting their history was an initiative for the Greenways Committee.

Apparently there has always been a bit of tree envy in Rochester and an underlying competitive tendency bordering on feud between neighbors over whose sycamore tree was bigger.

In a review conducted by Greenways, in which residents were encouraged to nominate candidates and measured by Greenways members, the winner in



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Rochester for biggest tree is a massive white oak on Alley Road, owned by the Kennefick family, who celebrated many of their family events underneath its towering outstretched branches. According to recorded history, the tree once stood in a field, providing shade to the people and their animals. Of course, houses now surround the tree.

Tommy Gayoski's giant hemlock in his woods off Burgess Avenue shared part of its history with his family. Gayoski used to climb it as a boy and look out all the way to Snipatuit in one direction, and across his family fields.

A sycamore tree on Snipatuit Road was deemed the third largest tree and served as the main selling point for Anne Parent when she bought the property in the early 1950s. According to Greenways, "When she entered the tree [in the Greenways contest], she also mentioned that her tree was larger than Helena Brown's (nothing like a little cross town rivalry)."

The Clarks entered several trees on their property, a part of Eastover Farms, planted by the Hiller family, and noted one tall white pine in particular that has hosted

several weddings over the years.

Of the 16 historic trees entered, the most amazing thing, says a Greenways written report, "was the connection that each tree had with its current owner, none of whom had been the original planters of the trees."

"This is a part of the history of our town, even if the tree's not there anymore," said Monteiro.

The group reminisced about beloved trees from childhood, so large that one could hide in the bends of their branches or in the massive buttress roots that transcended the underground.

In 2017, Rochester became the home to a very young but nonetheless historic tree – the sapling of a Hiroshima ginkgo biloba donated by McCue and planted in the Dexter Lane ball field in honor of Arbor Day. Monteiro is now entrusted with its care to ensure that the historic tree will one day become another of Rochester's big trees.

"We're so lucky," said Laurene Gerrior, Rochester resident, naturalist, and serving member of the Conservation Commission. "We are surrounded by trees. The pine trees, they're iconic to us. A pine tree is Rochester."

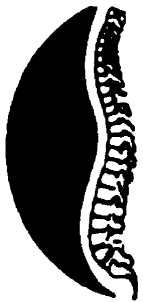
And so, as trees stand through the duration of time, outliving many of us and sometimes generations of us, a tree, too, is a transient being. It is born, it grows, it lives, and then it dies. But never without a story, never without joining history's unfolding, no matter if its form is the papery pages into which history is folded, or if it falls and folds back into the earth – the place where the story started and where its many seeds will unfold it again.

## Celebrity Artist, Celebrity Bandit at RMS

By Jean Perry

A special visitor brought a special new resident to Rochester Memorial School on Friday, December 15.

Every school needs a mascot, and at RMS it's always been that rascally raccoon, Bandit. A loyal and constant fixture at the school, wherever Bandit shows his face – whether on posters, banners, T-shirts, or even socks – the school is reminded in small ways of how much they love their little mascot.



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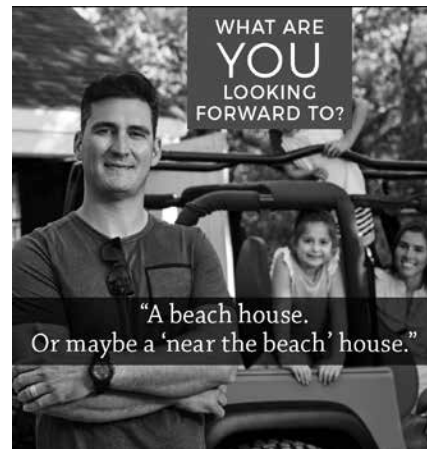
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World famous chainsaw artist and star of the National Geographic Channel TV show *American Chainsaw*, “The Machine” Jesse Green presented the students of RMS with a one-of-a-kind wooden chainsaw sculpture – much like the sculptures he has done for the Patriots, WWE, national universities, the Husqvarna company, and even the princess of Jordan.

Green was commissioned to create the sculpture by the RMS PTO Cultural Committee, an idea brought forward by PTO member Kara Brown who thought, not only would her former college classmate create something wonderful to leave behind for the students, but he’d also leave behind an important message – imagine it, believe it, do it.

Born in Massachusetts in 1976, becoming a famous chainsaw artist wasn’t something Green simply stumbled onto; he had to carve his dreams into reality with his chainsaw.

Green worked a lot of jobs he didn’t like along the way. He attended the UMass Dartmouth art program and explored his talents, but it wasn’t until 1997 when he picked up a chainsaw for the first time.

“It was love at first cut.”

Following his introduction, when Green had the



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students close their eyes and clearly imagine something awesome they want in their lives, he then led them on a fast-paced journey across the experiences of his life. And he had zero problems keeping the kids engaged with his quick wit and even quicker finger tap of the photos in his slideshow.

Green confessed, "I really wanted to be a famous artist like Pablo Picasso ... and Bob Ross."

He wanted to build 'big' stuff – big like Mount Rushmore, the sphinxes of Egypt, and the Moai heads of Easter Island. Meanwhile, the images of almost everything Green made reference to flew across the projector wall as fast as Green could say the words.

Green recounted all the trials and errors, all the fails and pitfalls he fell into along the way that he never gave into. He would always climb out towards another opportunity, fail again, try again, fail again, still holding tightly to his dream.

After a pretty good run at driving tractor-trailers across the country, Jesse still hadn't found what he was looking for, and it was his wife who eventually gave Green the nudge he needed to keep going.

"I believe in you," she said to him. "Just go, just walk away, and go follow your dreams," said Green.

He joined a traveling lumberjack show, carved out his name, and as he put it, he couldn't believe how awesome it was. He was going places, literally and figuratively.

He also formed the band he always wanted to be in – Fevah Dream. They rocked and toured the country and for a 25-year-old, life was indeed good.

"I got to see the whole country," Green said. "I was in show business. It was amazing."

"I had my name up in lights and on posters and in the newspapers..."

And he was chain-sawing out sculptures, and people were buying them! His work was being recognized all over and before long, the right people would notice him and his career would emerge like a form from one of his blocks of wood.

He bought the house of his dreams, went on the trips of his dreams, he even bought the car of his dreams



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– no, not the red Lamborghini like the one that first appeared on the projector wall – a van just like the one he idolized in the A-Team as a kid.

Then one day out of the blue, an associate from Green's past contacted him saying he wanted to make a TV show together. They pitched their idea for five long, frustrating years. Green would keep on doing with his chainsaw what he was doing, and all the while he was sharing it on social media, which is exactly where the right person discovered him. It led him eventually to a contract with the National Geographic Channel for a \$2 million show about him and his chainsaw.

"A whole new day was dawning," said Green. And really, does he need to describe how it felt to see his own TV show featured on the Comcast On-Demand menu listed between *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* and *American Chopper*? (It really happened. He had the photo to prove it).

Green still revels in the fulfillment of that dream, and now he enjoys his other dreams of raising his children and continuing to make art.

For almost an hour Green had those kids in stitches, every time he made a play on words, punned, or made ironic jokes accompanied by equally ironic and hilarious photos. But before it was over, things quieted down as Green left the kids with something to contemplate.

"This is not your life," he said, flipping to a photo of two poverty-stricken children sifting through a garbage heap. "This is not your life," he said again to a photo of a child's two dry, cracked feet showing through a pair of torn and worn-down sneakers.

"No. You live in Rochester, Massachusetts, in the United States of America, and you have the ability to choose your own path ... I want you to be thankful for that."

Then it was back to that image he had the kids visualize so intently at the beginning of the show.

"I'll tell you right now how to get it, the key to success is to visualize success," said Green. "Whatever you want, you have the power to get it. You can make your own victory, you can choose."

"So dream big, figure out what it is you want,

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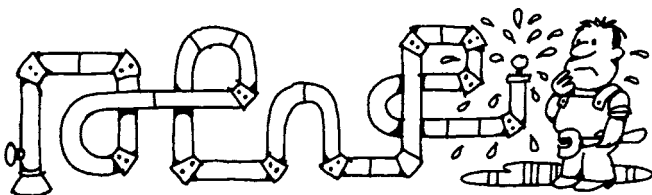
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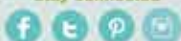
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create your goals, and follow your dreams, kids."

It might be hard. Sometimes it might feel like you're blindfolded and stumbling through it all. "You're going to hear 'no,'" he told them, "...But don't be afraid to fail.

"Believe in yourself, you never know where you might go."

The kids exploded into applause for Green, but they went wild when he and Principal Derek Medeiros uncovered Bandit and beheld the masterpiece.

Before the kids had the chance to touch Bandit and get an autograph from The Machine, Medeiros told them, "The message is, think about what you want ... and if you work really hard, you can do it."

*\*See a video of the moment Bandit was unveiled on The Wanderer Facebook page.*

## Understanding Autistic Holiday Stress

*The Autistic Experience*

**By Charles McIntyre**

The holidays can be tough on anyone. What they may not realize is that it can be particularly challenging for autistic people. As an active member of the autistic community, please allow me to present a variety of factors that make this otherwise joyous season difficult for autistics, and also offer advice on how you can make it more manageable for an autistic loved one.

Number 1: Sensory overload, or 'sensory processing disorder,' is often common with autism. What this means is that autistics experience the senses more intensely stimulated compared to yours or that of other neuro-typicals.

Consider those lights – does your holiday room have a lot of bright lights? Do they flash off and on? This is something that the autistic person in your life may have a hard time dealing with. To them, those lights are intensely brighter, and when they flash they can be extraordinarily distracting. Those, like me, with sensory processing disorder may be extra sensitive to light, making those lights that are pleasant to some, painful to autistic people. To circumvent this distracting discomfort, keep holiday lights turned down or off while in the

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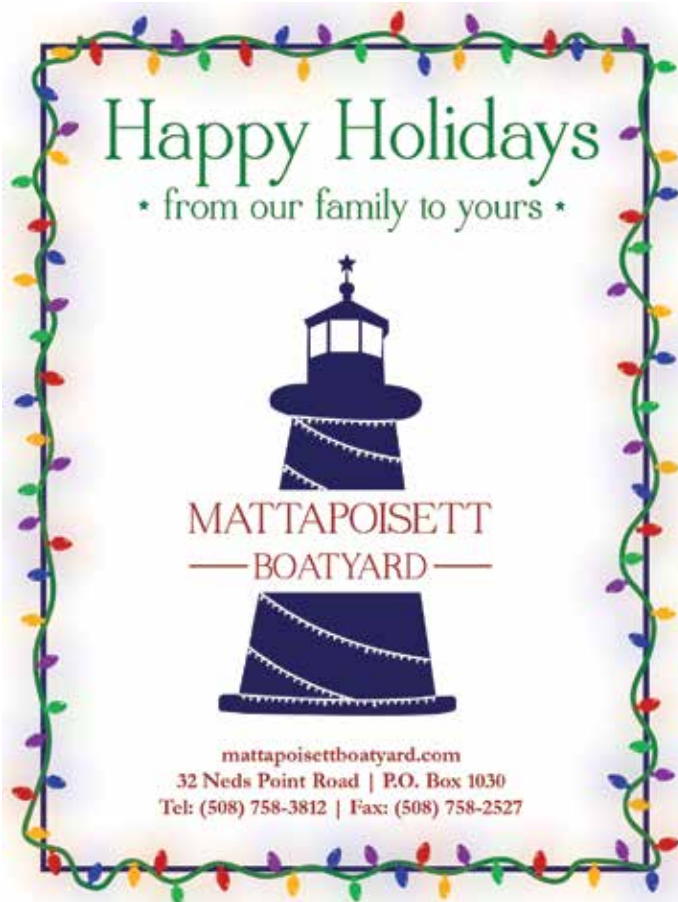


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company of an autistic individual.

Then there is sound overload. Look around you, for example, during a holiday party with a crowd of people talking at once. Are children playing with noisy toys in the room? Is holiday music playing loudly? Some of these may be reasons why your autistic loved one or guest appears distracted, uncomfortable, or downright miserable. 'Central auditory processing disorder' could be playing into this.

If there are a lot of people talking while, at the same time, the music is playing, don't be surprised if that autistic child doesn't hear you when you say, "Okay, little Johnny, it's your turn to open a present." Know that he is not ignoring you; rather, he may just be having a hard time registering that you have even said anything as he struggles to process the auditory information around him. All the noises are kind of mushing together into one confusing onslaught. Be warned that this type of sensory overload experience has been known to induce 'meltdowns' and 'autistic shutdowns' or other unpleasant hang-ups.

To prevent these hang-ups should a situation escalate, maybe turn down or turn off the music, ask people in the room to cease talking for just a moment, or offer the autistic person a pair of earplugs or headphones to help cancel or filter the sound.

There also exists an olfactory sensory overload, an intense sensitivity to scents. Is anyone wearing perfume or cologne? Try to visualize the strongest smelling potent perfume, cologne, body spray, or deodorant that you have ever encountered. Do these sensations seem overwhelming or noxious to you? Think about a time that you felt overpowered by an artificial scent. You could probably double this for someone with scent-based sensory processing disorder.

Carly Fleischmann, a well-known autistic author and advocate, describes how even the briefest whiff of a perfume in the air can overwhelm her entire system, making it impossible for her to carry on a conversation or other task until the scent has cleared away from her system.

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effects of scents on the autistic individual? Ask your guests not to wear scented products, or the very least you can seat your autistic loved one or guest away from that perfume-drenched person in the room. Refrain from burning scented candles and other fragrance-emitting devices in the room, no matter how festive the scent.

Number 2: Social interaction and social stimulation struggles and strategies. It often goes without saying that a parent raising an autistic child takes a lot of patience and understanding. If that is you, you will probably find that you especially need extra patience and understanding during a social holiday.

We have already covered central auditory processing disorder. Again, please understand that a

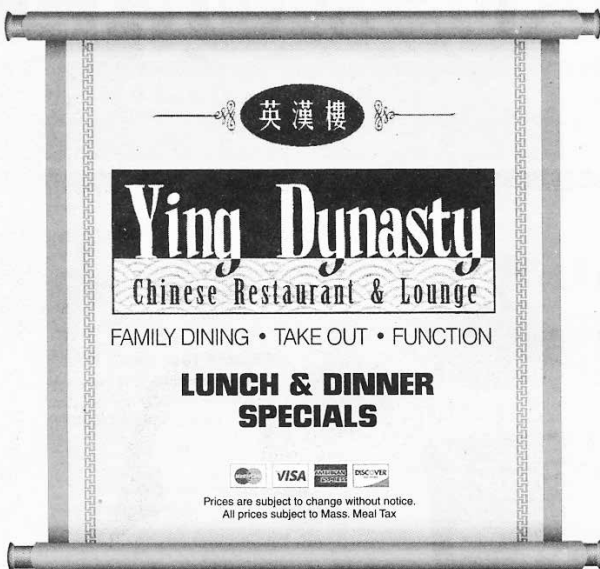
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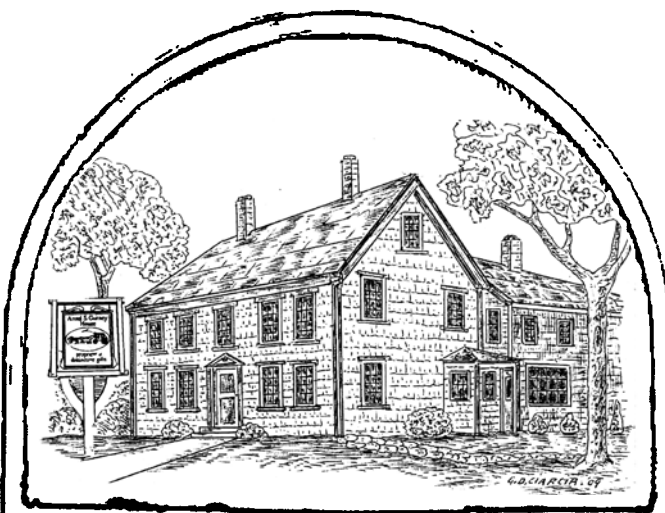
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noisy room will always make it hard for an autistic person to realize that you are speaking to them, make out what you're saying, and engage in any conversation. Again, you can't prevent this problem but try making the room as quiet as possible, given the circumstances.

Now, let's discuss eye contact.

The autistics in your life probably won't make as much eye contact as you'd like or expect from a person during holiday events or any other days. You may find that when they are stressed they make even less eye contact. You may even observe that they don't make eye contact at all.

We individuals of the autistic self-advocacy community believe that no autistic should be forced to maintain eye contact for the sake of neuro-typicals. (Actually, we kindly ask you to get over this insistence.)

Keeping with the topic of social interaction, let's talk about autistic 'self-taught scripting.'

Despite what many neuro-typicals may think, scripting, or the art of an autistic person using a pre-rehearsed line of dialogue that we have designed, memorized, and filed away for future social interactions we encounter in this neuro-typical world, is quite useful to us.

I promise you, if an autistic person possesses a verbal capability of expression, they are using scripting to get them past social interactions that otherwise would be difficult to manage during the holidays, and the rest of the year. If you have raised your autistic child with the intent of being polite, they probably have worked out a script for those holiday gifts they receive with less enthusiasm than those that were on their gift list. If you are looking for that genuine enthusiastic look from your autistic gift receiver, try asking them what they want ahead of time. Do not assume that they want what other kids want, or what you would want for them. Remember, autistic kids – people – are quite different from you and others who are, in fact, neuro-typical.

You know, the greatest gift you could ever give an autistic person – for the holidays or any day of the year – is simply to engage with them in a conversation about their special interest.

If you have paid any attention to this darling autistic in your life, you should at least be aware of one or two of their special interests. Few things delight an autistic more than describing all the facets about their special interest they find intriguing. Set aside a good chunk of time and listen carefully enough to develop some follow-up questions. You might actually find yourself cherishing the moment, looking at the face of that amazing autistic in your life beaming back at you as they uncover (in great detail) every aspect of their particular special interest.

Please understand that most autistics, like any introvert, have limited social energy. It might be advisable to allow your socially anxious autistic a couple hours to decompress before guests arrive. I also advise allowing time for your autistic to socially decompress after the



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guests leave, or during time when things quiet down. Know that, for many autistics, social interactions require much bravery, and they can be rendered quite exhausted after time spent interacting socially with people, especially those they may not be too familiar with.

The most important thing to remember when helping your beloved autistic through the holiday season is to let them be their autistic selves.

Let her play with her toys and in her unconventional autistic ways. Let him practice his 'stims.' Let them have breaks from socializing, and don't expect everything they say in the moment to make sense in the context of what was being discussed, and always be aware of their sensory issues.



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This has been an analysis on why holiday times can be difficult for those autistics you want to share the joys of the holidays with. I hope you are able to use this advice effectively for the sake of your autistic loved one and for yours as well. Happy Holidays!

*Chuck is a contributing writer and autism advocate from Mattapoisett. As an autistic, he can be relied upon as an authority on the topic of autism with firsthand experience and ethos to effectively describe the autistic experience.*

## Tighter Security Slated for Town Hall

*Rochester Board of Selectmen*

**By Jean Perry**

The Town of Rochester has been awarded a \$5,000 grant to install further security at Town Hall.

Facilities Director Andrew Daniel secured the grant, which will pay for the installation of a new security system and security cameras that will monitor the front door entrance and parking lot.

On December 18, Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar praised Daniel for his initiative in obtaining the grant, saying, "He's the one who put the grant application together ... so that's really quite a thing. I'm glad to see some security ... come into town."

Daniel will work with a security system vendor on the installation process, Szyndlar said.

Also relative to security, Szyndlar said the town would need to budget \$4,000 for security system monitoring of all town-owned buildings once the town completes its transition to the new regional emergency dispatch system.

Szyndlar said she learned this during recent talks with the Regional Old Colony Communications Center (the ROCCC) based in Duxbury, which will be taking over the 911 response system in town come spring of next year.

The new security system will replace in-house monitoring by the Police Department since the police station will not be overseen by staff after the transition.

The purchase and installation of the security system and fire alarm is included in the grant money awarded to the town to facilitate the transition, while the

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\$4,000 will be an added cost to cover the on-going, real-time monitoring of all town-owned buildings, including the police and fire stations, library, Town Hall, and Senior Center, among others.

In other matters, Szyndlar said tax bills have been mailed out and are due January 16.

The continued Verizon contract public hearing was continued again until March 19, 2018. The town is still negotiating with Verizon, although the contract is expected to be similar to the town's contract with Comcast that it has had for ten years; however, the next contract will not be for longer than five years, Comcast insists.

Also during the meeting, the board accepted the resignation of Christine Watling from the Council on Aging Board of Directors and appointed Pauline Munroe.

Town buildings will close early at 12:00 pm on Friday, December 22, and will also close early on Friday, December 29, at 2:00 pm.

The next meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **January 8** at 6:30 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

**Selectmen Scurry to Replace DPW  
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*Marion Board of Selectmen*

**By Jean Perry**

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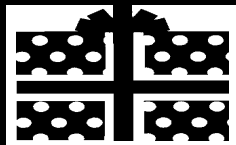
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Works Superintendent Rob Zora will retire, the Board of Selectmen during a special meeting on Thursday, December 14, considered its options for finding an interim superintendent during this critical time – winter and budget season.

The first significant snowfall of the season was accumulating on the roads outside as Selectmen Chairman Jody Dickerson and Selectman Steve Gonsalves sat with Finance Director Judy Mooney listening to Town Administrator Paul Dawson list several options, some of which he had come up with just before the meeting.

But first, Dawson primed the board with a summary of what was imminent for the DPW.

"As the board knows ... we are in the process of undertaking a review of the entire Department of Public Works operation to look at and consider whether, or if, any changes of the structure of the organization could take place," Dawson said.

Those potential changes, he stated, could be incorporating some functions of other departments – facilities, or parks and recreation, for example – or it could mean dividing water and sewer and possibly the Highway Department.

"I would not want to presuppose what this might end up looking like," said Dawson.

The DPW review process is a project that will be undertaken by an outside consultant and paid for by a grant provided through the Community Compact Program.

Results from the review, said Dawson, might even suggest eliminating the full-time DPW superintendent position. A review, however, will take about six months, Dawson told the selectmen, so it would be more prudent at this time to find a temporary interim superintendent than hire a permanent full-time DPW superintendent.

"Obviously we need to have an interim person," Dawson stated, given the busy nature of this time of year, "[And] we have the added burden of the new NPDES permit."

Dawson's first option was to comb through internal personnel for someone with both administration and budgeting experience to temporarily transfer to the



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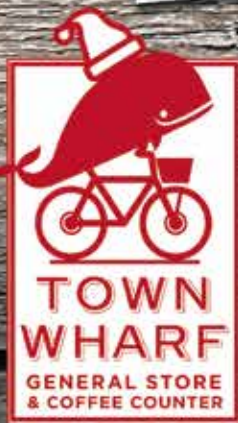




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three- to six-month interim supervisory position. But that person would not be able to hold two positions with the Town, Dawson said.

The first person who came to his mind was Facilities Director Shawn Cormier, followed by Recreation Department Director Jody Dickerson, also a member of the board.

Dawson said another last-minute idea was to contact local people who have retired from the public works field and gauge their interest in the temporary position.

"I've racked my brain," Dawson said. "I can't come up with any [other ideas]. Those are the options as best as I could come up with."

That is a lot to digest, said Dickerson, recommending that the board wait until its next Tuesday night meeting before choosing an option. Somebody in the meantime, however, would have to fill in as the acting authority to sign bills and payroll for the DPW.

The selectmen appointed Dawson as the fill-in.

But regarding a longer-term temporary person, said Dawson, "The board is going to have to make a decision quickly."

Marion resident Jay Ryder asked the board why it simply hasn't asked Zora to act as the interim superintendent.

"This is a critical period for the DPW and the plant," Ryder said. "I would think, if he was willing to do that while you went through the hoops that you have to go through while you find his replacement ... that would be the route to go to."

Dawson and the selectmen paused before Dickerson said, "We're looking at all the options on that and we'll be sitting down with Mr. Zora shortly."

Zora was in the room seated with the rest of those in attendance but did not contribute to the conversation.

Resident Sherman Briggs asked the board, "Why are we waiting for the last minute? This (Zora's intent to retire) has been known for a while. Why are we jumping on it the day before his retirement?"

Dawson said the selectmen were aware of Zora's chosen retirement date three weeks prior to that meeting.



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Dawson formally announced Zora's retirement during the December 5 selectmen's meeting.

"I just hope that we don't make some wrong decisions in the very near future because of the short window that was created," said Briggs.

The Marion Board of Selectmen held their regularly scheduled meeting on December 19 at the Marion Town House.

## The Coalition Announces Intent to Sue Town

*Marion Board of Selectmen*

**By Jean Perry**

Just when the Marion Board of Selectmen celebrated the Environmental Protection Agency's acceptance of an alternative (and less expensive) plan to tackle ongoing wastewater discharge, the Buzzards Bay Coalition issued the Town an official notice of its intent to file a lawsuit over violations of the Massachusetts Clean Water Act (CWA).

Nine private citizens are also listed as plaintiffs on the lawsuit including one Marion resident, Laura Ryan Shachoy of 1 Water Street, two from Mattapoisett, and one from Rochester. Coalition President Mark Rasmussen of Fairhaven is also listed.

In a letter dated December 11 and addressed to the selectmen, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection commissioner, and Attorney General Maura Healey, the Coalition's attorney Margaret



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Stolfa from Gordon & Rees said the lawsuit is based on unpermitted groundwater discharge from the wastewater treatment plant, specifically citing the use of the three unlined sludge lagoons that the Coalition says leaches more than 10,000 gallons of sewage into the groundwater every day – an allegation that the Town of Marion has publically denied for some time.

“This unregulated discharge poses a real threat to the public’s use and enjoyment of the environment and violates the law by discharging nitrogen to the groundwater and contributing to the impairment of nearby streams, the Sippican River, Aucoot Cove, and Sippican Harbor,” wrote Stolfa.

The letter acknowledges a recent settlement between the Town and the EPA, in which the Town agreed to line one of the three lagoons and undertake an “optimization study” to analyze the future use of the two other lagoons. In the settlement, the Town will continue to use the two unlined lagoons once the first one is lined, prompting Stolfa to point out, “Nothing in that settlement establishes any requirements that the groundwater discharged from Lagoons #2 and #3 will cease and absent a groundwater discharge permit, the Town will continue to be in violation of its obligations under the CWA and Regulations.”

The Coalition urges the Town to develop a plan to stop all alleged unlawful discharges, but added in so many words that this was nothing personal – “...[Our] intent to hold Marion to the same standard as other communities fronting Buzzards Bay [we hope] will not be taken as a sign of hostility but one of legitimate concern in the public interest.”

The letter alleges that the Town has been aware of lagoon sewage discharge since at least 1995, according to the Town’s engineer CDM Smith, who allegedly confirmed this fact in Marion’s 2001 Draft Facilities Plan. Furthermore, the letter states that the Town allegedly admitted in its appeal of the current NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems) permit that the lagoons leach up to 50,000 gallons per day.

The Coalition asserts that Marion’s CWA violations are causing nitrogen pollution and that Marion

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lacks any lawful discharge permit for the lagoons. It is seeking relief in the form of the Town applying for a groundwater discharge permit from the Massachusetts DEP, saying in the notice that the Coalition would support the Town if it pursues this course. Otherwise, "...[We] will file suit and seek all available relief, including our litigation fees and costs."

In response, the selectmen on December 19 took Town Administrator Paul Dawson's advice that the board should appoint Attorney Michael Leon of Nutter McClennen & Fish, the attorney who has represented the Town throughout the entire process of the NPDES permit appeal, although the Town would incur additional legal fees with Leon as opposed to sticking with town counsel on the matter.

"They (The Coalition) believe that we are in violation of the Massachusetts Clean Water Act by discharging into the groundwater," said Dawson. "We obviously disagree."

It is what it is, Dawson stated. "This will sort itself out in the process."

In other matters, parting from a Marion Board of Selectmen meeting with a smile is a rare occurrence for Shea Doonan, who has been seeking an aquaculture permit in Marion for many months as abutters to his proposed oyster farm sites continuously countered his efforts.

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farm permit for a spot at Mittens Flats inside Sippican Harbor has been at a standstill since he first presented the notion in December of 2016. That hearing was continued until June this year, and then to September, and then to December 19 when finally Doonan harvested the decision he had hoped for.

Doonan had nothing to add to his case when offered the opportunity, but abutter Jay Somerville of 756 Point Road took the time to reiterate his position.

"This is the last stretch of open water in Sippican Harbor," Somerville said. Taber Academy uses it, people kayak and swim there, quahog, and sail. "Sippican Harbor is the town's most valuable asset... There are plenty of other locations in Marion waters outside the harbor that are far better suited [for aquaculture]," said Somerville, listing Hammetts Cove, Aucoot Cove, Wings Cove, and an area near Converse Point.

Doonan disagreed, saying that he explored those options. The water flow at Hammetts Cove is insufficient, and some of the aspects of Doonan's proposed operation that Somerville mentioned in his criticism didn't even apply to Doonan's project, he said, adding that the Mittens Flats site was suggested to him because it was the best and most viable site.

Hardwick Simmons of 83 Hammetts Cove Road said there wasn't enough space left in the harbor, and shame on the Town for not developing a separate Master Plan just for the harbor.



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Whether the last of the precious space in Sippican Harbor should go towards moorings or docks, or aquaculture farms, Simmons said, "I just don't believe there should be any more permits issued in Marion Harbor until we have a plan." And if the highest and best use ends up being aquaculture, he added, then so be it.

Having said that, though, Simmons did offer to foot the bill of a feasibility study on worthwhile uses of the remaining space in the harbor, which shows just how much he cares about Marion Harbor, he said.

Harbormaster Isaac Perry had nothing more to add to his previous information to the selectmen, only that he thinks the harbor has been "pretty well run, and it has been for a long time," even without any extra master plans.

"We've been through this process before," said Perry. Planting Island (one of the sites Doonan had proposed prior that was vehemently opposed by residents), Mittens Flats, and two other areas, Perry said, are the select few potential aquaculture sites. He reminded the residents that this hearing was simply to allow Doonan to advance to the state review process and was not a final approval.

"I respect your positions," said Selectman Norm Hills to the residents. "I guess I'm not sure that the highest and best use (of the harbor) is something that we need to address ... probably because it's full of moorings and piers. I don't believe that we need a master plan for the harbor ... it was part of it. We looked at the harbor; we didn't see any problems there."

Hills cited a regulation relative to the harbor, which prohibits three uses – aquaculture not included.

"The State recommends that aquaculture is good," Hills said. "I guess I don't see any compelling reason why this (application) shouldn't proceed at this point in time."

The hearing was promptly closed, and Hills made the motion.

"I'll second," said Gonsalves. "I'm in favor of the process."

Also during the meeting, the Town is still without a decision on who to replace retired DPW Superintendent

Rob Zora in the interim. Dawson said he contacted two people in the area who had retired from public works positions, but one declined and the other did not respond.

The selectmen appointed Dale Jones to the Conservation Commission, although it was poised to appoint the other candidate, Tom (Rady) Maraauran until it was noted that his address on his letter of interest was a New Bedford address. Hills was ready to appoint Maraauran, saying he felt the same way as he did when he appointed the two latest Planning Board members. "We need young people to start participating." But unable to verify a Marion address for Maraauran, the board appointed Jones.

In other business related to wastewater, the selectmen approved a draft scope of work regarding the NPDES permit. Legal counsel vetted it, considered feedback from the board, and has come up with another draft scope of work proposal to send to the EPA and eventually a final draft will be issued.

The search for a new Council on Aging director is underway, with a small hiring committee reviewing 12 applicants. Dawson will present the board with a list of finalists at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **January 2** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

## Well vs. Town Water – Tie-in Mandatory?

*Marion Planning Board*

**By Sarah French Storer**

December 18 was yet another Marion Planning Board meeting during which some board members wrangled with engineer David Davignon regarding 111 Wareham Road, which has raised a number of issues over an apparent uneven application and unclear articulation of town policies.

Davignon, of N. Douglas Schneider & Associates, presented revised plans for the project, addressing prior board concerns. The Marvel Street entrance was removed from the plan, and board member Will Saltonstall confirmed that the fire chief was satisfied with the Route 6 entrance for fire trucks.

Davignon requested waivers from two requirements of the Site Plan Review: the photometric plan for the site and the requirement to use a concrete drain pipe in one location. Both waivers were granted, with a condition requiring motion sensors on the floodlights and wall packs on the buildings pointed downward at a 30-degree angle. Also, the high-density plastic pipe used in place of concrete must be rated to withstand truck travel.

Davignon also agreed his client would supply a "Trucks Entering" sign for Route 6, but insisted it was appropriate for the Marion Police Department to make the request to MassDOT, and that the DPW should install it. The board agreed. The applicant will install a stop sign

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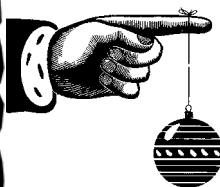


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The point of contention this evening was the issue of supplying potable water to the site.

Davignon prioritized the three options his client desires: using the existing well on the site, which would be registered with and tested annually for potability by MADEP; traversing Marvel Street to access the existing waterline on Green Street; or accessing the water main directly across Route 6.

Board member Norm Hills vehemently opposed the use of the well, pointing out that properties are required to tie in to town water if it's available. Davignon said his client favored the existing well option as potentially the least expensive one and questioned the validity of the tie-in requirement by asking, "If the well is potable, I'm not sure the town can stop us from using the well. Is it a bylaw?"

The board's consensus was that it was a town policy.

Resident Sherman Briggs spoke to the issue, saying, "The policy has never been followed to a 'T' in my time in Marion."

Board member Andrew Daniel expressed concern that the board should apply the same requirement to everyone and wondered aloud if the town can make a resident use town water.

Fellow board member Chris Collings noted that the issue was not about residents' rights, but rather "...

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Hills was steadfast in his opinion that the property must tie in to the waterline, despite member Stephen Kokkins articulating a general condition in which the site plan approval would state that "adequate potable water must be provided to the site..."

The discussion concluded with Davignon requesting the issue be brought before town counsel for an opinion as to whether the board can mandate a property owner tie in to the town water and sewer system. The board agreed, with Daniel speaking in support of the idea.

"This puts the issue to bed for everyone in the future too," said Daniel.

The applicant agreed to continue the hearing until January to provide the board time to speak to town counsel and draft the approval letter.

Throughout the evening, reference was made to the meeting held last week regarding the proposed zoning change on Spring Street from General Business to Residence E. The meeting, described by board members as very productive, brought together other town boards and departments to discuss the framework for the zoning change.

Collings questioned the process and asked if the sequence of events was appropriate, saying, "If the Town of Marion doesn't like what the developer wants to do, are we required to change zoning?" He then asked, "What does the Planning Board want? We are challenged because it is not our property."

Kokkins reminded the board that they had sponsored the article because it was an appropriate fit for the location. Chairperson Eileen Marum noted the amenities in the area, and Saltonstall added, "This housing component is the first component of other uses in the area."

Still, Collings wondered, "We don't need a concrete plan before we vote on a zoning change? We have a great idea and we need a zoning change to make it happen. We all like the idea, but I want to make sure it is happening in the right order."

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for **January 8** at 7:00 pm.

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### Out Like a Lamb

*Mattapoisett Conservation Commission*

**By Marilou Newell**

In a year that found the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission tasked with a variety of extremely complex jurisdictional cases – at times pitting neighbor against neighbor, and applicant against commissioner, or vice versa – the last meeting for 2017 started and ended as gently as a softly bleating lamb.

On December 11, the cases heard and applications discussed were discharged with civil discourse.

Once again coming before the commissioners was David Davignon of N. Douglas Schneider & Associates representing David Arsenault for a two-lot subdivision proposed deep within wetlands commonly referred to as Haskell's Swamp at the end of Snow Fields Road.

The five-acre uplands parcel situated within the wetlands had previously spurred several lengthy and hotly debated sessions as Davignon detailed the roadway plans.

Abutters had come out in force questioning how a roadway could be built into wetlands, the impact such a roadway would have on their property, and the environmental impact both short-term and long-term.

Some abutters also voiced concerns about the ability of emergency vehicles to respond to the two homes planned, given that subsequent iterations of conceptual designs changed the roadway to a common driveway.

The switch from a roadway to a common driveway had the effect of shedding the Planning Board's required oversight in terms of width access surface and construction materials.

On this night, abutters' questions were subdued as Davignon explained the current status of the project.

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everyone that three requests for quotation (RFQ) had been received for a peer review consulting engineer who would be charged with evaluating existing drainage calculations executed by the applicant's engineers.

King said that two of the three firms had to be disqualified based on conflicts of interest either with the applicant or with the commission, leaving one firm in the running – Zenith Consulting Engineering of Lakeville.

When asked by abutters what ZCE would be doing, Davignon explained that they would be reviewing pre-existing computer modeling reports that modeled how water would flow or flood during storm events after the proposed driveway and culverts were constructed.

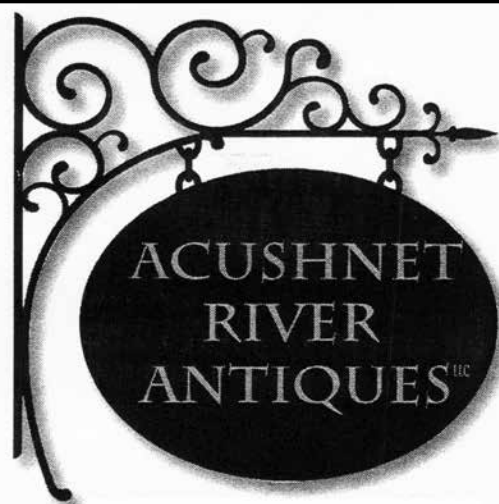
Davignon also shared that reports from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and various other environment impact study agencies were still pending, but he was optimistic that those would be received sometime in January.

King said a site walk was scheduled for state and federal agencies including the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission, but that the general public most likely would not be invited onto the private property due to liability issues.

King also assured those in attendance that the commissioners would not “get into any debate or discussion until we have all the parts.”

The hearing was continued until January 8.

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application filed by Debra Blais, 44 Pico Beach Road, for a vegetation management plan that included a fire pit and sitting area along a coastal beach.

A Negative Determination of Applicability was issued to Richard Gordon, 54 Prince Snow Circle, for the installation of a rail and post fence. Also receiving a Negative Determination was an application filed by Highlander Nominee Trust, Robert Inches, 14 Ned's Point Road, for a deck expansion.

James Babbitt, Jr., 40 Marion Road, filed a Notice of Intent and received an Order of Conditions for the construction of a 15-foot by 30-foot boat storage shed to be attached to the existing dwelling.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett

Conservation Commission is scheduled for **January 8** at 6:30 pm in the town hall conference room.

## A Nearly Silent Night

*Rochester Conservation Commission*

**By Marilou Newell**

As winter darkness fell across the open spaces, vegetated bordering wetlands, riverbanks, fresh water ponds, vernal pools, and associated buffer zones in Rochester, the Conservation Commission met for the last time in 2017.

On December 19, with only one public hearing and another one continued, the ConCom, Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon, and administrator Margaret Gonneville heard from solar facility developer Greg Carey of Clean Energy Collective on an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation, also known as an ANRAD.

The developer is planning to install an array on property owned by William Souza, 139 Sarah Sherman Road, between lots 8L and 13 on assessor's map 28, also listed as 0 Sarah Sherman Road. Carey said the site was approximately 20 acres.

Carey said this site was especially attractive to his firm, given that it is predominately hay fields yet shielded from abutters. He said tree removal would be minimal.

Carey said he has been meeting in the field with Farinon to discuss wetland delineations and other jurisdictional aspects of the property.

When asked by Chris Gerrior, the commission's newest member, where the array would connect to the public utility, Carey said at the corner of Alley Road, adding that engineering plans were only conceptual at this point in time.

Farinon said that while working with Carey in the field, several areas of jurisdictional oversight were noted and that those were noted on submitted plans.

Carey also said abutters had been notified, but he did not have the USPS mail registration green cards to confirm notifications were, in fact, sent. He said he would bring them to the office in the morning.

Farinon suggested the commission approval the ANRAD, which it did with one descending vote.

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Chairman Mike Conway said he voted 'no' because, without the green cards, "...Abutters have not been notified."

Carey said that in the coming weeks he would return with more details and also noted that he has had a meeting with the Planning Board to begin the process with that board as well.

Under old business, Farinon reported that a shared recording secretary for ConCom and Planning Board had still not been found despite receiving many applications for the newly created part-time position. She said another notice would circulate through channels that might bring in applicants with a background in municipal government meetings.

In other business, Farinon reported that both the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee agreed to the new fee schedule for filings to the Conservation Commission.

The next meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission is scheduled for **January 16** at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall meeting room.

### **Planning Board Undertakes Marijuana Moratorium**

*Mattapoissett Planning Board*

**By Marilou Newell**

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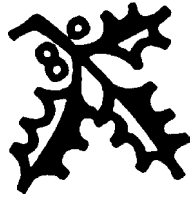


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date when an act to ensure the safe access to marijuana goes into effect, the Mattapoisett Planning Board is feeling the pressure to do something and do it quickly. On December 18, they began that difficult task.

During the special Planning Board meeting held on December 11 to gauge the opinions of Mattapoisett voters on pursuing a moratorium, it was clear the sentiment on legal marijuana was still running 50-50. It was clear, however, that even those who felt recreational marijuana sales should be regulated and not banned in Mattapoisett, nearly all were for a moratorium that would give Mattapoisett until December 2018 to come up with bylaws.

Chairman Tom Tucker opened the meeting,

saying that the board needed to submit the request to the selectmen to take the matter to Town Meeting.

Planning Board member Janice Robbins said, "A moratorium gives us time." She then went on to say that it was rather pointless to draft regulatory bylaws now in advance of the state regulations, given that such preemptive bylaws would only have to be rewritten when the state law went into affect.

Tucker read into the minutes a letter from Lisa Cardoza, 4 Hawthorne Street, which stated her deep concerns over the impact of allowing marijuana dispensaries in town, claiming such laws would negatively affect property values and increase crime.

Tucker then said that it seemed clear from the December 11 public hearing, "There is consensus to go for a moratorium."

Robbins wondered if the board should reach out to officials in Colorado for bylaw advice, but Planning Board member Nathan Ketchell said, "Those who voted for marijuana may not have wanted to buy it ... but to decriminalize it." He said that if and when a moratorium was in place, a subcommittee might be established to write local bylaws.

One of the three residents in attendance on this night was Steve Ruel. "I think this is driven by an industry. There's another agenda here," he told the board. "It's sad to me that this town is going to have to regulate drug sales – it's pretty scary stuff." He added, "I'm for a moratorium *and* a ban."

Tucker said if a special town meeting is held asking voters to place a moratorium on recreational marijuana sales, the ensuing vote would give a good indication as to whether or not voters would accept an all-out ban.

Resident and former selectman George Randall spoke, saying, "I came into this world in 1929. Mattapoisett was a tough place to live, but we made it special. Now something like this comes up. On the medical side, it's necessary. The recreational side will take away the 'special' in Mattapoisett. We are dealing with young kids. They're going to take your places one day. If we soil their lives, their minds, they won't be able to."

Randall thinks there would be lots of heartache



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and trouble with recreational marijuana. "If marijuana goes through so easily, a lot are going to be ruined, their lives ruined."

"This is a big, big mistake," he asserted.

Randall ended his comments by warning, "We're going to open a door that we're not going to be able to close."

A vote to ask the selectmen to set a special town meeting was unanimous.

A discussion on timing of public hearings in advance of a special town meeting would follow, as were details about draft language for articles requesting a moratorium and how quickly they could set the necessary meetings. The board decided that a public hearing



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possibly on January 25 to vet voters' issues and debate a moratorium question prior to a special town meeting was necessary, as Tucker reminded them, "We don't want to debate this on Town Meeting floor."

The board also concluded that if everything moves along smoothly, a special town meeting could take place as early as February 26, 2018. Planning Board Administrator Mary Crain will follow up with meeting scheduling.

In other business, a report from peer review consultant, Soares Pumping, Inc., regarding the condition of septic systems at the Brandt Point Village subdivision seemed to contain discrepancies, said board member Gail Carlson.

Carlson is also a resident of the subdivision.

She said the report states that her home had received an inspection inside and out, and that residents had received educational materials on the new septic technology being employed at the site. Those statements, she said, were not true.

The board discussed the long and difficult history of the subdivision and how the current developer is not responsive to Planning Board requests for updates on completion or status reports on a variety of construction details.

Robbins pointed out that verbal agreements with the developer likely are not binding, and that work completion was actually scheduled for August 2018.

Tucker instructed Crain to contact town counsel to ascertain next steps and to advise the Board of Health that the septic report contained errors.

The next regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for **February 5** at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall conference room. Special meetings may be scheduled in the meantime.

## What About the Box Turtles?

*Marion Conservation Commission*

**By Jean Perry**

Hundreds of baby diamondback terrapins have been saved by residents of The Cove just along Jenney Lane, but the Marion Conservation Commission wanted to know on December 13, what about the Eastern box turtles?

The commission reviewed The Cove in Marion Trust's Request for an Extension Permit for three years to continue to operate the turtle habitat nesting area located on town-owned property on Jenney Lane. The request included an informal report on the "turtle garden" efforts,

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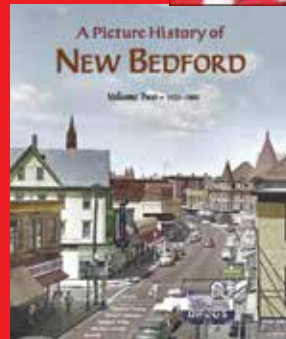
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including that 120 terrapins were rescued and released into the cove in 2015, 110 in 2016, and 315 in 2017.

The request included a proposal to mow a wider area around the sandy turtle nest habitat that had been so successful so far, saying it would help the residents involved in the effort to locate and identify more terrapin nests, since some that were undiscovered over the past few years led to destruction by predators like foxes and raccoons.

Commission member Jeffrey Doubrava wondered if the commission was allowed to amend an Order of Conditions when the applicant simply requested a permit extension.

Commission member Shaun Walsh determined the answer was 'no.' A request for amendment would have to be duly advertised and a public hearing held.

Another issue with The Cove and the turtle garden, which also appeared on the agenda that night, was the violation of the mowing parameters that the commission observed during a recent site visit.

"There's quite extensive mowing, way past where ... they're not supposed to be mowing," said Chairman Cynthia Callow, "so we're very concerned about the area in general."

In addition to mowing past the boundary, the commission noted that several shrubs and brush were also removed.

"You could see evidence of cutting," said Walsh,

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who noted up to five areas that were disturbed.

Doubrava said he believed the field mowing was for the benefit of the Eastern box turtles allegedly present in the area, "And I haven't heard anything about box turtles."

Walsh said he would prefer some information from a wildlife biologist on the matter.

The mowing area appeared to be "pretty generous" to commission member Joel Hartley.

"And I've yet to hear a report that there were five box turtles that would've been eaten by a fox," said Doubrava.

Doubrava speculated that the overzealous mowing was likely innocent and performed by a hired landscaper. Having said that, though, providing the Order of Conditions to any contractors hired to perform the work was one of the conditions, and certain demarcations of the mowing boundary that should be present are, in fact, absent.

The commission chose to continue the hearing so a representative from The Cove could appear before the ConCom.

"My inclination right now is," said Doubrava, "I'm not really in support of continuing to mow the field."

"...Absent any evidence that it enhances the Eastern box turtle," added Walsh.

The commission continued the hearing until December 27.

In other matters, the board issued a Positive Determination for the Request for Determination of Applicability for Great Hill, LLC, represented by Catherine Stone.

This will require a Notice of Intent filing for work to be permitted.

The work proposed includes the repair or replacement of nine drain pipes beneath North Great Hill Road that run from the wetlands to the shore. Cameras revealed several of the 100-year-old pipes disintegrating and cracking – three need to be replaced, while the rest can be repaired. Stone said the pipes are essential for the water flow to and from the wetlands, and with unobstructed pipes, Stone said hopefully the drainage

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Walsh stated that it was “quite a bit of work” within the resource area, pointing out that Requests for Determination of Applicability seek to determine only if the area is a wetlands area subject to jurisdiction, and if the work is within the jurisdictional area. Walsh questioned whether the commission should permit the work through a Negative Determination of the RDA or a Positive Determination requiring a Notice of Intent.

Doubrava stated that, as a rule of thumb, the commission grants approval under a RDA only for work that is minor, or if the work is in a flood zone, but not a bona fide wetland.

“Most of this work ... is permit-able,” said Walsh, “but I don’t know how we would possibly allow all of this work to happen with a Negative [RDA].”

Also during the meeting, the commission approved the three-year extension for the Town of Marion/Herring Inspector to allow the continued clearing of obstructions in the Sippican River in order to allow for the unobstructed passage of herring swimming upstream to spawn.

Stanley S. Russo of 19 Pine Hill Lane received a Negative Determination for his RDA to raze a house that Callow referred to as a “throwback from The Brady Bunch” at 4 Crapo Street. Russo will eventually re-build a three-bedroom cape style house for a new residence, but will re-submit another application for the project at a later date.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for **December 27** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

## **Farmer’s Market Developer Withdraws**

*Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals*

**By Jean Perry**

Instead of a farmer’s market, Rochester may soon have another solar farm, one of several options property owner Craig Canning will be exploring.

The plans for a farmer’s market off Marion Road in Rochester are no more, now that Canning has withdrawn his Special Permit application with the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals and his Site Plan Review application with the Planning Board.

Neighbors Maryann and Kenneth Cutler who live at 223 Marion Road appealed the ZBA’s Special Permit to build the agricultural farmer’s market-style commercial development, sending the matter to Wareham District Court, and they also filed an appeal of the Planning Board’s Site Plan Review approval with the Plymouth County Superior Court.

In a letter dated December 13 and reviewed by the ZBA during its December 14 meeting, Canning informed the ZBA that he would be settling with the

Cutlers and rescinding his Special Permit request with the board.

The letter reads, “Unfortunately, projected litigation costs make the project economically unfeasible at this time given the two lawsuits filed....”

ZBA Chairman Richard Cutler stated that two things would now follow – the finalized paperwork would be filed with the courts and then the ZBA would officially vote to accept Canning’s withdrawal. However, there was nothing further the ZBA could do that night, so Cutler continued the hearing until the next meeting.

“Once resolved, [the matter] will come before both boards, and we’ll act upon the letter received,” said Cutler. “There’s really nothing for the board to decide at this time. He’s withdrawn his application, and it’s his to withdraw.”

In a follow-up with Canning, when asked about the possibility of leasing or selling the land to potential solar developers, Canning replied, “At this point, I am not sure. I will be looking at the remaining options for the property to decide what makes most sense.”

Also during the meeting, Wellspring Farm abutter Cathy Mendoza filed an appeal of the Planning Board’s Site Plan Review approval over the allegation that Wellspring Farm owners Holly and James Vogel have been violating state noise regulations, rendering the neighborhood still in “sheer chaos.”

Mendoza praised the Planning Board for its “excellent job” but said that noise levels had not been adequately addressed.

Mendoza said, under the suggestion of Town Counsel Blair Bailey, she acquired an online app that measures noise levels. Mendoza subsequently took a number of samples, she said, and found the experiential therapeutic facility has repeatedly exceeded noise limits, prompting her to contact the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

One incident, she said, involved a “pretty unhappy client” who she said “wailed for about a half hour.”

“Which is pretty disturbing,” she said.

Car doors slam, car alarms are set off, people lay on their horns, and therapists, clients, and parents discuss sensitive matters loudly, she added. The 8-foot stockade fence, a condition of the Vogels’ decision, is inadequate for noise prevention, Mendoza claimed.

The real issue, Cutler pointed out, is that Mendoza appealed the Planning Board’s decision, an implication that the Planning Board “did not do its job,” as Cutler put it.

“No,” Mendoza said, “I’m just saying that [if the law is a twenty-foot buffer], then why are they allowed operate within that?” Why isn’t there foliage and obstructions to keep people from encroaching upon the 20-foot buffer between Wellspring and Mendoza’s property line, she asked.

Mendoza also alleged that Wellspring operations

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contradict past traffic studies and testimony given on behalf of the Vogels, saying they misled the Planning Board.

"I was hoping the board would revisit this and put in some noise ... mitigation," Mendoza said. "I don't know what it's going to take to bring this noise into compliance with the state noise level requirements, and in absence of a town noise ordinance, it automatically goes to the state ordinance, but right now it's operating outside of it."

"DEP will basically shut the business down, they don't care," stated Mendoza, offering her solution that the 20-foot buffer be enforced and further foliage be provided to buffer noise.

She also claimed she took noise samples between 10 to 30 decibels above the ambient noise baseline.

Planning Board Chairman Arnie Johnson was present to address Mendoza's appeal.

"Listening to Ms. Mendoza," said Johnson, "there's a couple of things. Some of them don't really relate to the [actual decision]."

Johnson stated that if the Vogels were in violation of the Order of Conditions, then it should be reported to the Planning Board, which would address the allegations and enforce and violations.

Johnson said the 20-foot buffer did not have to necessarily be trees, simply "vegetated," which could mean just grass and fencing. He did state that the decision



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included a waiver of the buffer from a certain point to another point of the property line by some woods on Mendoza's land because in order to satisfy the 20 feet, actual buildings would need to be moved to rebuild the driveway.

"Kind of a unique situation where we already have an established business," said Johnson, as opposed to working with a "clean slate."

"To create that twenty-foot buffer, the whole farm would have to shift," said Johnson. "And that didn't make sense to the board at the time." He also said that people are allowed to walk inside the buffer.

"This was a neighborhood that once saw zero noise ... and now it's just sheer chaos at some times," Mendoza stated. "I've seen people back [their vehicles] right up to the fence."

Across the room, the Vogels shook their heads 'no.'

"I can disagree with pretty much almost everything [Mendoza said]," Attorney George Boerger said on behalf of the Vogels. Furthermore, he said Mendoza had no basis to overrule the Planning Board's decision.

"We went through a number of hearings with the Planning Board," said Boerger. "If there's a complaint before the Planning Board, it's about the requirement, not the Site Plan [decision]," said Boerger.

Boerger reminded Mendoza and the ZBA that its decision was unanimous to approve the Vogels' Special Permit, and the Conservation Commission's jurisdictional decision was also unanimous, as well as the decision by the Planning Board, which should be affirmed.

"The real issue is whether or not the ZBA thinks the Planning Board functioned properly and voted properly," reiterated Cutler, adding that the ZBA would likely not issue any decision that night and Mendoza likely should have brought her concerns up directly with the Planning Board.

In regard to the noise, Johnson said, the noise standard in the decision defers to the state's statute. The Planning Board could request a noise study to put the issue to rest, Johnson said, if it comes before the board properly.

The Vogels have until June 2018 to complete all conditions required by the Planning Board, and the board would make a site visit to ensure compliance, said Cutler.

"I would like to take the opportunity to review [the information]," said ZBA member David Arancio, motioning to continue the hearing until the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for **December 28** at 7:00 pm.

## Custodial Services To Be Outsourced

*Mattapoisett School Committee*

**By Marilou Newell**

Outsourcing is coming to Mattapoisett. Well, at least to the local schools.

On December 11, the Mattapoisett School Committee voted to outsource custodial services as a



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cost cutting measure in FY19. But at least one school committee member had questions around cutting jobs that might put local people out of work and outsourcing that may not bring value.

As Mattapoisett School Committee Vice Chairman Patrick LeClair rounded out his comments regarding the selection of Star Building Services of Boston, whose Request For Quotation came in at \$137,000, he noted that by moving to outsourced services in this category of facility needs, the school budget would see a \$27,000 savings in FY18. He said that SBS employees undergo the same level of security clearance as the current janitorial staff and that a daytime supervisor would be on-hand to oversee employees.

But School Committee member Carole Clifford wasn't convinced this decision was in the best interest of the students, the two elementary schools, or those whose jobs are threatened.

Four current custodial employees would be terminated at the end of the fiscal year – July 1, 2018. LeClair said that those whose jobs would be affected could apply to SBS and may subsequently be hired by the Boston-based company, thereby keeping their jobs.

Clifford asked how the current pay and benefit structure stacked up against what these employees might get if hired by SBS. In a follow-up with Clifford, she said that SBS listed hourly wages at between \$12 and \$15 per hour, whereas currently the local custodians earn between \$13 and \$18 per hour.

Clifford said, "Custodians have a relationship with students and the school ... they care about the school." Continuing, she said, "My experience has been that eventually those savings go away," she stated.

The majority of the School Committee members voted for the one-year contract with Clifford opposed.

In other business, the MCAS scores continue to improve, reported Associate Principal Kevin Tavares.

"Sixty-three percent fell into proficient or advanced," he said, for Grade 5. He pointed out that this was above the state average. Grade 6 had achieved ELA scoring with 72% of the students succeeding, he said. "All students were over or very near...." he added.

Superintendent Doug White said, "The state average is fifty percent ... our kids have reached the upper half." Tavares commented, "We outscored the state, especially in sixth grade."

## OBITUARIES



**Irving R. "Bud" Ellis**, 92, of Mattapoisett died December 9, 2017 at Brandon Woods of New Bedford after a brief illness.

He was the husband of Helena O. (Cathcart) Ellis.

Born in New Bedford, the son of the late Alton B. Ellis, he lived in Rochester before moving to Mattapoisett in 1967.

Mr. Ellis was formerly employed by Continental Screw for 33 years until his retirement. He also worked for Denham Construction.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and participated in the D-Day Invasion piloting a landing craft at Omaha Beach.

Mr. Ellis was a member of the Machaucum Club, he enjoyed bowling and was an avid Boston Red Sox fan.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Alton Ellis and his partner Nancy Backus of Middleboro; 2 step-daughters, Paulla Draper and her husband Peter of Mattapoisett and Linda Rogers and her husband Jay Couet of Fairhaven; 2 grandchildren, Joshua Desrosiers and Eric Desrosiers; and several nieces and nephews.

His Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 6th at 12 Noon in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. His family will receive guests from 11 am - 12 Noon prior to his service. Burial will follow in Cushing Cemetery. For directions and online guestbook, please visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Madeline M. Santos**, 105, died peacefully Saturday, December 16, 2017 at The Tremont Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center in Wareham. She was the wife of the late John Peter Santos.

Born in Newport, RI, she was the daughter of the late John and Julia Britto. A homemaker, Mrs. Santos lived in Marion and Mattapoisett for many years. Upon retirement, she lived in Lakeland, FL. She was a strong advocate for gender rights and education.

A devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she enjoyed spending time with her family, singing and dancing.

She worked for Aerovox Corporation and the Bethlehem Hingham Shipyard. During World War II, she was proud to be a production welder in the spirit of Rosie the Riveter.

She is survived by her sons, John P. Santos, Jr. of Lakeland, FL, and Andrew J. Santos of Marion and their spouses; her six grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her three brothers and three sisters.

Her funeral service will be held on Wed., Dec. 27, 2017 at the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., (Rt. 28) Wareham at 10 am. Relatives and friends are invited to visit from 9 to 10 am prior to the service. Interment will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Wareham.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in her memory to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148. For directions and on-line guestbook visit: [www.ccgfuneralhome.com](http://www.ccgfuneralhome.com)



Tavares went on to say that Grades 3 through 6 found 86% of students meeting or exceeding top state scoring.

Principal Rose Bowman reported on ALICE Training in the district, which stands for alert, lockdown, inform, counter, and evacuate for active shooter incidents within the school setting.

Bowman said that Mattapoisett Police Officer Matthew McGraw discussed with the students what to do in a crisis saying, "This is not an easy, but a necessary topic." She said that part of the conversation included telling the children what it would be like in a real situation, using language appropriate to the age group.

"It's necessary that this is addressed and it empowers them," Bowman concluded.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett School Committee is scheduled for **January 8** at 6:30 pm in the Center School cafeteria.

### ORR Students Give Back for the Holidays

*ORR Update*

By Jo Caynon

The holiday season has brought out a whirlwind of community service at ORRHS, particularly in the past few weeks when students have been active in several events calling on them to give back to the Tri-Towns that many call their home.

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## PUBLIC ACCESS

### Comcast Channel 9

### Verizon Channel 36

#### Thursday December 21, 2017

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors  
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move  
8:30 AM Dr. Carey Baby Care  
9:00 AM Chico and Bman  
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?  
10:30 AM What's Linda Cooking?  
11:00 AM Painting Journeys  
12:00 PM Media Edge  
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater  
2:30 PM The Kamla Show  
3:00 PM Carolyn Farm Kitchen  
3:30 PM Garage X  
4:30 PM Beyond Boston  
5:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker  
5:30 PM Sidewalk Entertainment  
6:00 PM Playhouse Theater  
6:30 PM Legal Ease  
7:00 PM Registers Report  
7:30 PM Money Matter TV  
8:00 PM Beyond My Crisis  
8:30 PM Science 360  
9:00 PM STEM in 30  
10:00 PM Off the Shelf  
10:30 PM From the Files of Greater  
Ashland Paranormal  
11:00 PM The Weakness  
11:30 PM The Weakness

#### Friday December 22, 2017

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors  
8:00 AM Senior Scene  
8:30 AM Dr. Carey Baby Care  
9:00 AM Small Factory Productions  
9:30 AM Storytime at Carver Memorial  
Library  
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?  
10:30 AM Eat Well Be Happy  
11:00 AM Painting Oils  
12:00 PM Movie  
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater  
2:30 PM The Kamla Show  
3:00 PM Tae Kwon Do  
3:30 PM Who Did It? The Clue VCR Game  
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sorts Talk  
5:00 PM Duke of Sports  
6:00 PM All Things Victorian  
6:30 PM Deutsch Welles  
7:00 PM Deutsch Welles  
7:30 PM Deutsch Welles  
8:00 PM The Collective Chat  
8:30 PM Don't Dis My Ability  
9:30 PM Health Source  
10:00 PM 30 Medical Minuets  
10:30 PM Conversations with Dr.Don

11:30 PM Words on Film

#### Saturday December 23, 2017

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon  
Festival  
9:00 AM What's New Massachusetts?  
9:30 AM Falmouth in Focus  
10:00 AM Cape Cod Residence Senior  
Prom  
10:30 AM Soutcoast Matters  
11:00 AM Money Matters TV  
11:30 AM Fox Robbins Business Show  
12:00 PM Science 360  
12:30 PM Science 360  
1:00 PM Women 2 Women Today  
1:30 PM Upper Cape Tech Presents  
2:00 PM Mattapoissett Holiday in the Park  
3:00 PM Garage X  
3:30 PM The Garage with Steve Butler  
4:00 PM Sci-Fi Journal  
5:00 PM The Mario and Dennis Show  
5:30 PM Read, Rant, Repeat  
6:00 PM Plymouth's Holiday Parade  
6:30 PM Cinemaniacs  
7:30 PM Health Talk  
8:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
8:30 PM Go and Make Disciples  
9:30 PM Classic Movies - The Picture of  
Dorian Gray

#### Sunday December 24, 2017

7:00 AM First Congregational Church of  
Rochester  
8:30 AM Chef's Tabel  
9:30 AM The Steve Katsos Show  
10:00 AM Carpe Diem - Movie Reviews  
10:30 AM STEM - Tech Girls  
11:00 AM Caras Cucina - Holiday Baking  
Recipes  
11:30 AM Cinemaniacs  
12:30 PM Cape Conversations  
1:00 PM First Congregational Church of  
Rochester  
2:00 PM Bulldog Weekly Special  
2:30 PM Mattapoissett Holiday in The Park  
3:30 PM Marion Christmas Stroll  
4:00 PM Annual Children's Christmas  
Concert  
5:00 PM Old Hammondtown 6th Grade  
Skits  
5:30 PM Rochester Tree Lighting  
6:00 PM Old Rochester Regional Winter  
Concert  
7:30 PM UMass Dartmouth Winter Concert  
8:30 PM A Visit with Santa  
10:30 PM Plymouth Holiday Parade  
11:00 PM Malden High Choral Arts Holiday  
Concert

#### Monday December 25, 2017

7:00 AM Seniorize

7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors  
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move  
8:30 AM Music The Spoken Word Special  
9:00 AM Storytime at Carver Memorial  
Library  
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?  
10:30 AM Wicked Good Food  
11:00 AM Annual Children's Christmas  
Concert  
12:00 PM Old Hammondtown 6th Grade  
Skits  
12:30 PM Mattapoissett Holiday in The Park  
1:30 PM Marion Christmas Stroll  
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater  
2:30 PM The Kamla Show  
3:00 PM Euro Kitchen  
3:30 PM Sippican Historical Society  
5:00 PM Deutsch Welles  
5:30 PM Deutsch Welles  
6:00 PM Deutsch Welles  
6:30 PM The Collective Chat  
7:00 PM Mario and Dennis Show  
7:30 PM Don't Dis My Ability  
8:30 PM Health Care Matters  
9:00 PM 30 Medical Minuets  
9:30 PM Conversations with Dr. Don  
10:30 PM Reeling the Movie Review Show  
11:00 PM Words on Film

#### Tuesday December 26, 2017

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Navigating the Way For Seniors  
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move  
8:30 AM In The Fight  
9:00 AM Small Factory Productions  
9:30 AM Small Factory Productions  
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?  
10:30 AM Grumpy Old Men Cooking  
11:00 AM Painting Journeys  
12:00 PM Movie  
1:30 PM Tae Kwon Do  
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater  
2:30 PM The Kamla Show  
3:00 PM Wicked Good Food  
3:30 PM Garage X  
4:00 PM Films for Justice  
5:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker  
5:30 PM Sidewalk Entertainment  
6:00 PM Playhouse Theater  
6:30 PM Legal Ease  
7:00 PM Registers Report  
7:30 PM Money Matters TV  
8:00 PM Beyond My Crisis  
8:30 PM Fox Robbins Business Show  
9:00 PM Fox Robbins Business Show  
9:30 PM STEM - Tech Girls  
10:00 PM November  
11:00 PM The Weakness  
11:30 PM The Weakness

#### Wednesday December 27, 2017

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Navigating the Way For Seniors  
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move  
8:30 AM Dr. Carey Baby Care  
9:00 AM Chico and Bman  
9:30 AM Children's Corner  
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?  
10:30 AM Eat Well Be Happy  
11:00 AM The Steve Katsos Show  
11:30 AM The Steve Katsos Show  
12:00 PM Movie  
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater  
2:30 PM The Kamla Show  
3:00 PM Yoga for Health  
3:30 PM Talking Trek Show  
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk  
5:00 PM Duke of Sports  
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10:00 PM Don't Dis My Ability  
11:00 PM Conversations with Dr.Don

## MARION GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 95

### Verizon Channel 39

#### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion School Committee -  
November 28, 2017  
8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commis-  
sion - December 13, 2017  
10:30 AM Marion Board of Selectmen -  
November 28, 2017  
12:00 AM Marion Planning Board - Decem-  
ber 4, 2017  
1:00 PM Marion School Committee -  
November 28, 2017  
2:30 PM Marion Conservation Commis-  
sion - December 13, 2017  
4:30 PM Marion Board of Selectman - No-  
vember 28, 2017  
5:30 PM Marion Planning Board - Decem-  
ber 4, 2017  
8:00 PM Marion School Committee -  
November 28, 2017  
9:00 PM Marion Town House Meeting -  
November 13, 2017  
11:30 PM Marion Town House Sub-Commit-  
tee - November 27, 2017

## ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 95

### Verizon Channel 40

#### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester School Committee -  
November 16, 2017  
9:30 AM Old Rochester Regional District

School Committee - December 6, 2017  
12:00 PM Rochester Board Selectmen -  
December 11, 2017  
1:00 PM Rochester Planning Board -  
December 12, 2017  
2:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of  
Appeals - December 14, 2017  
2:30 PM Rochester Conservation Comis-  
sion - December 5, 2017  
3:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectman -  
December 11, 2017  
4:30 PM Rochester Planning Board -  
December 12, 2017  
5:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of  
Appeals - December 14, 2017  
6:00 PM Rochester Conservation Comis-  
sion - December 5, 2017  
7:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee -  
December 14, 2017  
8:00 PM Old Rochester Regional  
District School Committee - Decemeber 6,  
2017  
10:30 PM Rochester School Committee -  
Novmeber 16, 2017

## EDUCATION CHANNEL

### Comcast Channel 97

### Verizon Channel 37

#### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
7:30 AM Old Colony Varsity/Volleyball vs  
Baypath  
9:00 AM Old Colony Varsity Volleyball vs  
Blue Hills  
10:30 AM Old Colony Varsity Volleyball vs  
Bristol Aggie  
11:30 AM Bulldog Weekly Special  
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
12:30 PM ORR Girls Varsity Soccer at  
Apponequet  
2:00 PM Boys Varsity Soccer ORR vs  
Dighton-Rehoboth  
3:30 PM ORR Varsity Volleyball vs Somer-  
set-Berkley  
5:00 PM ORR Feild Hockey vs Dighton-  
Rehoboth  
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
7:00 PM ORR Boys Varsity Basketball vs  
GNBVT  
8:00 PM Old Rochester Varsity Football vs  
Middleboro Final  
9:30 PM Old Rochester Varsity Football vs  
Rockland  
11:00 PM Old Rochester Varsity Football vs  
Dedham

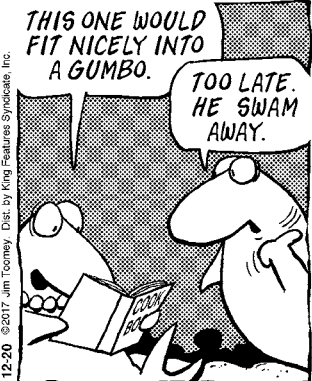
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because everything around us comes from the community, and improving it as a whole begins with improving things for individuals," said senior Emily Bock, a member of the Community Service Club.

The first of these was the annual "Toys for Tots" toy drive, hosted jointly by the high school's Community Service Club and the Mattapoisett Police Department.

Student members had spent the previous club meeting creating decorative posters advertising the donation event, and a dozen spent their first block of school outside the next day working alongside police officers from the three towns to ensure a successful drive.

"While it was really cold outside, it was so nice to see people donating toys," senior Hannah Powers said.

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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

Log highlights Dec 10-Dec 16

- Main St – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Shoplifting/past
- South St – Health/welfare
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – Paper service
- West Ave – General service
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Missing person
- Delano Rd – Suspicious MV
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Transport
- Front St – MV collision
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Rebecca Dr – Health/welfare
- Dexter Rd – Animal complaint
- Olde Meadow Rd – Emergency services
- Olde Knoll Rd – MV collision
- Spring St – Officer wanted
- County Rd – Larceny/past
- Mill St – Fraud
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Message delivery
- Mill St – Fraud
- Hastings Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – Officer wanted

## MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Dec 10-Dec 16

- North St – MV crash
- Aucoot Rd – Vandalism
- Church St Ext – Health/welfare
- Split Rock Ln – 911 call
- Brandt Island Rd – Health/welfare
- River Rd – Suspicious MV
- North St – Missing person
- Marion Rd – Vandalism
- Aucoot Rd – Vandalism
- Fairhaven Rd – Notification
- County Rd – Property lost
- Bayberry Ln – Health/welfare
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Reservation Rd – MV lockout
- Church St – Summons service
- Wildwood Ter – Follow up
- Linhares Ave – House check
- Crestfield St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- County Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- County Rd – Search warrant
- County Rd – MV crash
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Spruce St – Ambulance request
- Cedar St – Follow up investigation
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Church St Ext – Health/welfare
- Church St – Ambulance request

## ROCHESTER

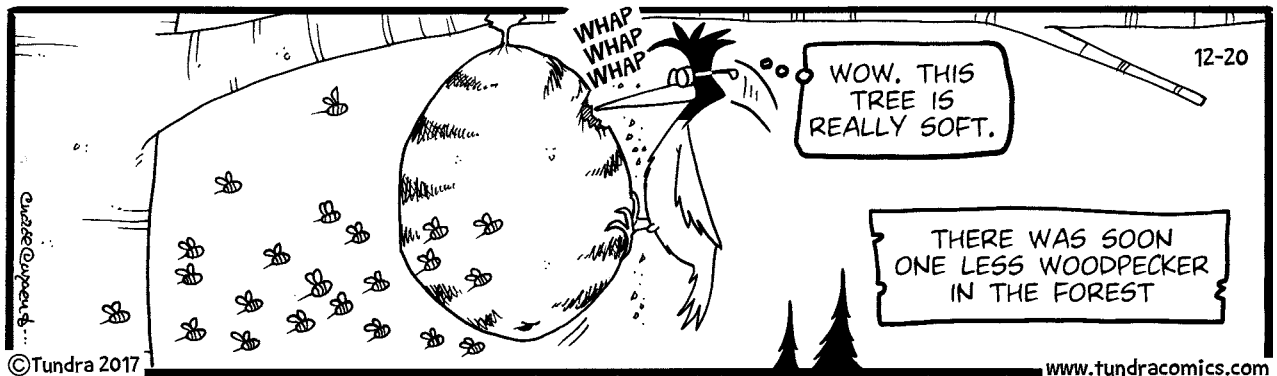
Log highlights Dec 10-Dec 16

- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- North Ave – MV accident
- Mendell Rd – Ambulance request
- Burgess Ave – B&E/MV
- Bennett Rd – B&E/MV
- Maxim Rd – B&E/MV
- Walnut Plain Rd – Officer wanted
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Officer wanted
- Dexter Ln – Firearms violation
- Old Schoolhouse Rd – Larceny/forgery
- Forbes Rd – Investigation
- Clapp Rd – Officer wanted
- Cushman Rd – Ambulance request
- North Ave – Officer wanted
- North Ave – MV accident
- County Rd – MV accident
- Cushman Rd – Ambulance request
- Ryder Rd – Message delivery
- North Ave – Restraining order service
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- North Ave – Officer wanted
- Braley Hill Rd – Disturbance
- High St – Lockout
- Neck Rd – MV accident
- Stuart Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Neck Rd – MV accident
- Negus Way – Firearms violation
- High St – Noise complaint
- Robinson Rd – MV accident

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit [www.Wanderer.com](http://www.Wanderer.com).

## Tundra

by Chad Carpenter



## SHERMAN'S LAGOON

by J.P. Toomey



She has been a member of the Community Service Club for the past several years. "We filled about two cruisers, and the police officers brought hot chocolate!"

Holiday fundraiser events weren't just limited to specific clubs; in fact, each of the four grades at the high school ran their own unique fundraiser in order to support four local families in need this winter. With four anonymous families and four grades, each class was assigned one family who would benefit from the efforts at ORR this holiday season.

"With the holiday season coming up, we believe it is crucial that people should be able to enjoy it without worries," said Student Council Executive Board member Ryu Huynh Aoyama. "With each class utilizing festive, creative, and innovative ideas to help out anonymous local families, I believe it shows the warm closeness of our ORR community!"

While some had a distinct holiday theme – the seniors received pledges to wear ugly Christmas sweaters to school and the juniors went caroling at Center School – other fundraisers revolved around fun competitions. The sophomores raced to see who could sell the most baked goods, and the freshmen used donations as votes towards a final event.

"Students could pay to vote for a teacher they wanted to wrap in toilet paper, and the teacher who gets nominated the most by the end of the week gets 'toilet papered' by the students who participated. This is all with the consent of the teachers," freshman president Lucy Zhang explained. "The proceeds are going to a family in need this season, and the Student Council Executive Board is matching the money fundraised so we can donate double the amount."

The sophomore and senior classes also held smaller events last weekend aimed at spreading a night of fun to some of the younger members of the local community. The seniors held a holiday workshop in the school cafeteria, supervising kids for a few hours so parents could have time to holiday shop at area stores. The next night, the sophomores hosted a family movie night in the school library, complete with some coloring time and a few rounds of musical chairs.

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# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Old Hammondtown students performed their annual holiday concert on December 14, with music teacher Ms. Kinney leading the band and jazz band through many familiar holiday favorites, while choral director Mrs. Dowling led the chorus. Submitted photos by Erin Bednarczyk



The Marion Natural History Museum after school group had a wonderful time at our holiday party making gifts from natural and recycled materials. The museum will post its upcoming after school program series soon on the museum website at [www.marionmuseum.org](http://www.marionmuseum.org). The museum thanks the following for their help at the annual craft party: Kitty DeGroot, David Pierce, Sarah Porter, Maggie Payne, Evan Costa, and Tabor Academy service volunteers Amy Norris, (Tony) Yutong Guo, and (Peter) Endong Guo. Happy Holidays everyone, and see you in 2018! Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

**These photos and more are available online at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com)**



Rachel Demmer spoke on both fundraisers the seniors had run last week.

"The Christmas sweaters were a fundraiser to help raise money for needy families in the Tri-Town and the babysitting was just a little fundraiser for the senior class," said Demmer. "Both went over fairly well, which we were excited about. For the workshop, we had a good showing of around 25 kids, and we raised about \$405 combined with both fundraisers."

Demmer continued, "I believe it is important to unite the class since we have so many exciting events coming up, but it's also important for everyone to learn how to pitch in and grow as a group."

"For our grade," she added, "participation has been a bit low, but since we have about half a year left together, I believe we should make as much of it as we can and participate in as much as we can."

Overall, the various service oriented events planned and hosted by students at ORRHS have created a festive and more grateful atmosphere in both the school and community as both groups came together to give back this holiday season.

## Old Colony Girls' Basketball Off to Hot Start

*High School Sports Update*

**By Nick Friar**

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Vocation Championship, Old Colony girls' basketball is picking up right where it left off.

The Cougars are off to a 3-0 start, having won all three games by double figures: 49-34 over Southeastern; 69-38 against Diman; and 49-22 to start the year at Tri-County. Wins are to be expected, with Craig Lincoln, the reigning Mayflower Small Coach of the Year, still in charge, but the manner in which Old Colony has done it is what's been so surprising – with dominating offense.

"I'm pleased to see this early in the season with a group of girls that's learning to play with each other," Lincoln said.

One reason for the thriving offense has been Abby Cioper's return after she dealt with injuries in the 2016-2017 campaign. Her 25-point game against Diman has been the highlight so far after scoring 10 in the

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# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Carol Barnewolt sent in this shot of Saturday's stunning sunset at Shipyard Park.

On the snowy night of December 15, high school students and some rambunctious kids gathered for some fun at 'Santa's Workshop' in the ORRHS Cafeteria. Senior Class President Gabriel Noble-Shriver and Vice President Rachel Demmer, along with Class of 2018 advisors Merrideth Wickman and Michael Nailor, hosted an evening of crafts, dancing, games, and a movie so parents could holiday shop. The funds raised will help defray the cost of Senior Class activities and expenses. Submitted photos by Erin Bednarczyk



Famous chainsaw artist and star of the National Geographic Channel TV show American Chainsaw, "The Machine" Jesse Green presented the RMS students with a one-of-a-kind chainsaw sculpture of Bandit, the RMS mascot, on December 15. Bandit will stand firm and tall (much taller than most of the students) at the school from now on, thanks to the coordination of the RMS PTO. Photos by Jean Perry



These photos and more are available online at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com)



Cougars' well-balanced win over Tri-County.

But the surprise so far has been Old Colony's freshman guard, **Savanna Halle**, who scored 20 against Diman and led the Cougars with 14 in the win over Southeastern. She was Lincoln's best-kept secret for about five minutes of the season, but teams will soon know that Cioper is not the only Cougar to worry about on offense.

"We don't want anyone to know about her yet," Lincoln said, who had a lot to say about Halle. "She's been a nice addition. She's got a lot to learn about the game. She's learning how to not just be a set shoot and attack the rim a little bit, and how to be part of an offense.

"I think you can tell from youth basketball she was the main focus. Now, that's not the style we play. We play that everyone has to touch the ball and everyone has to score the ball. She's learning the team concept quite well at an early age, so it's fun to watch."

But, as always, Lincoln stresses defense as being the backbone of his team, particularly when he looks back at the 69-38 win over Diman. Although it's one of the highest scoring games Old Colony has had under Lincoln in his career, his girls were most concerned with stopping Diman's top-scorer, Mya Parker, who'd scored 20-plus points the last two times Diman and Old Colony met.

This time, she only scored 10.

"The defensive plan that we executed was done not perfect, but pretty darn close," Lincoln said. "We did certain things on the defensive side of the ball that allowed us to have success."

The Cougars also finished with 20-26 from the free throw line in the win over Diman. If Old Colony continues to not only create opportunities at the line, but also take advantage of them, they'll be an even greater force to face throughout 2016-2017.

"That was definitely one of the best free-throw shooting performances I've seen as a head coach at Old Colony," Lincoln said. "Just the fact that we were able to attack the rim and go to the foul line that many times was a big plus. Hopefully, we can see that more going forward."

On the boys' side of Old Colony basketball, **Jake Jason** and company earned their first win of the season




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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Watered Down

By Rob Gonsalves  
[www.robsmovievault.com](http://www.robsmovievault.com)

***The Shape of Water.* Starring Sally Hawkins and Richard Jenkins. Directed by Guillermo del Toro. MPAA rating: R. Running time: 123 minutes. Now in limited theatrical release.**

Well, for those who fancast Guillermo del Toro as the director of a *Creature from the Black Lagoon* remake, we now have *The Shape of Water*, del Toro's new beauty-and-the-beast romantic fable pairing a mute woman (Sally Hawkins) with a being known in the credits as Amphibian Man (performed by Doug Jones). Del Toro loves monsters, and that comes through loud and clear. What also comes through is the laziness of the screenplay (by del Toro and Vanessa Taylor). At what point do archetypes become clichés? When they strike us *as* clichés, I think, and *The Shape of Water* has enough of them to classify it not as a pure fairy tale but as a mid-budget film that had to be simplified — or dumbed down, if we're not being generous — in order to be made at all.

Del Toro, for me, will always be among the angels creatively. He's more or less the only major filmmaker who puts his all into movies that could have been covered by *Famous Monsters of Filmland*, and he looks for wider and deeper meaning in his elemental stories. His work is probably equally informed by James Whale and Joseph Campbell, by Lovecraft and Bettelheim. Like Clive Barker, del Toro works more seriously with old-school Universal Monsters horror than the filmmakers at Universal ever did. So what happens to him sometimes? I think that when working in his native Spanish, del Toro feels more free to flesh out more complex characters. In America, del Toro loses confidence on some level, and he falls back on well-worn tropes.

Here, for instance, the mute woman, Elisa, is lonely and pure of heart. She has no quirks that would intrude on audience identification with her. She's just looking for love, and so is the cliché next door, her friendly closeted gay artist neighbor (Richard Jenkins nevertheless invests his role with gravitas and regret, and walks away with the film). And so is Amphibian Man, who has been captured and is being contained at the same facility where Elisa works as a cleaning lady. On the other hand, being in a relationship is no guarantee of happiness, either: Elisa's friend and co-worker (Octavia Spencer) barely tolerates her husband, and the villain of the piece



(Michael Shannon), a military man who captured the creature, has the stereotypical cloying nuclear family at home (the movie is set during the Cold War). Only Elisa and the creature's love is pure, real.

We're probably not meant to probe this proposal — interspecies love is more authentic than love between humans — too literally. Del Toro intends the romance as a metaphor for how so many people exist at the wrong place and time to find their soulmates, but the universe occasionally gets it right. All well and good, but the problem with predictable characters is that they act predictably and make the movie predictable too. Nothing the brute military man does surprises us, and del Toro piles uglifying indignities on him — he has two poorly reattached fingers that are starting to stink and blacken with rot. The creature has more dimensions than this human monster, and we get two scenes with the villain buying and driving a new car apparently just to set up its trashing later. It represents the materialism he should transcend, I guess. Not only is he a psychotic sociopath, he has False Values.

Part of me is always glad that a movie like *The Shape of Water* can still be made and that a filmmaker like del Toro can continue to work. The movie is a feat of visual imagination, but underneath its sophisticated imagery is a banal and too-plotty skeleton, with a Russian-spy subplot that serves mainly to make the movie longer. If we squint, we can make the Cold War element conform to a larger human theme of feeling alone and mistrustful, or basically feeling like a monster. For del Toro, it always goes back to being a monster, fleeing from the villagers, being smitten with women who shriek at you, dying in an inferno or in a hail of bullets. The thematic masochism is intrinsic to del Toro's art — miserably picking the scab of one's self-esteem. But the architecture here is too cardboard, despite a high level of craft among the cast, to make us feel the pain, too.

with an 82-44 win over Tri-County after losing the season opener against Diman 58-56.

Jason followed up his season-opening 23-point outburst with a 24-point performance against Tri-County. **Zach Soucy** has been the Cougars' No. 2 scorer in the early going, scoring 16 in the loss, 15 in the win.

#### Old Rochester Regional

ORR boys' basketball is off to a hot start, having won its first two games, 72-69 over Bourne and 64-55 against Wareham. The Bulldogs had four players in double figures in the win against Wareham. **Bennett Fox** led the way with 18 points, followed closely by **Cole McIntyre**, who had 16. **Jason Gamache** score 12 points, and **Colin Fitzpatrick** had 10.

Fox also had eight assists, seven rebounds, and three steals for ORR. Meanwhile, Gamache had a double-double, also ripping down 10 rebounds.

After losing the season opener to Durfee, ORR girls' basketball has won back-to-back games, taking down New Bedford 53-43, then Dartmouth 54-29. **Cassidy Yeomans** scored the game-high against Dartmouth, finishing with 18 points in the win. After a home game against Falmouth, the Bulldogs get another shot at Durfee on Friday, this time at home.

#### Tabor Academy

Tabor girls' ice hockey won 3-2 in overtime against Phillips Andover Academy, taking third place in the Taft Tournament to head into winter break with a 7-1 record. After falling behind 1-0 in the first period, **Annie Berry** scored to make it 1-1 off an assist by **Kelly Browne**. Browne would later score a goal of her own to make it 2-1, only to see the lead vanish, forcing overtime with a 2-2 tie. That's when Berry stepped up, scoring after 1:31 had passed in overtime, sealing the victory.

#### Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

Thanks to your news editor, Ms. Jean Perry, for the excellent, informative, substantive writing on the condo project in Marion. Your reporting will help Marion residents view this project in a very objective, balanced and informed way; however, there is one oversight I would like to correct. Mr. Sherman E. Briggs, Jr. is not my brother. We are partners on this project and have been partners on other projects over the last 45 years, but we only share a common family name.

I will thank you in advance for this correction.  
Well done.

Colonel Arnold Briggs

To the Editor:

The Sippican Woman's Club of Marion would like to thank you and all the members of the Woman's Club for contributing to the success of our recent Holiday House tour. Without the effort of so many members, from those who decorated Handy's Tavern 'Festival of Trees,' to members who served as hostesses at the homes and at the tea, and to all the students from ORR, Bishop Stang and Tabor Academy who volunteered, this celebration would not be possible. As you know, the proceeds of this tour



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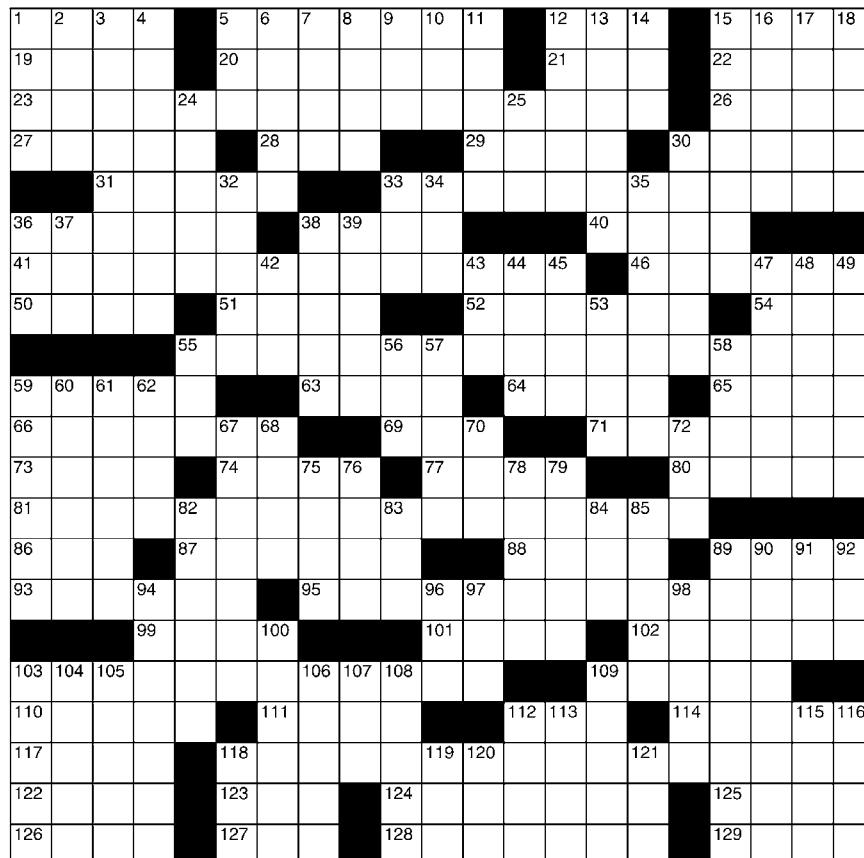
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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Make a start on that new workplace challenge. But get more information before you find yourself too deeply involved without knowing in which direction you should go.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You might find things becoming tedious as your schedule slows down for the holidays. Use this time to get information about a possible post-New Year job change.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) The creative Twin finds outlets for her or his ideas in the early part of the week. The practical Twin takes it a step further and rallies support to turn the ideas into reality.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) It's time to stop being intimidated by someone's negative behavior. Start taking positive steps on your own to help strengthen your position down the line.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Look closely at that so-called golden opportunity. Best to be a cautious Cat who approaches things slowly, than one who pounces without knowing where you'll land.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your apology can resolve that personal situation before it overshadows the holidays. You'll feel better, even if you're only partly to blame for what happened.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Avoid overtaxing yourself, even if your energy levels are high and you feel that you can do it all. Best to pace yourself so you won't run yourself down before the holidays.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your sense of humor helps get you through a stressful period. Some of your quick quips can take the edge off any remaining negativity being aimed at you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your artistic talents not only help you express yourself these days, but they also set up a line of communication between you and someone very special.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) It's fine to appreciate the importance of "proper form" for doing things. But relax a bit in order to allow newcomers on the project to feel less intimidated by you.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Use your boundless reserve of optimism to persuade others to work with you to resolve a difficult workplace problem before it can ruin your holiday fun.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You brim over with self-confidence as you begin to tackle a new challenge. And, before you know it, you're not alone: Others have taken the plunge with you.

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I have to also thank Sean Cormier, the Marion DPW and Village Sign who came to our rescue after gale force winds blew down our banner!

Again, thank you to all, Happy Holidays and see you next year!

Mary L. Verni, President  
Sippican Woman's Club

To the Editor:

I am writing to commend the Mattapoisett Police/EMT officers for their quick response to the fall I took while on my daily walk on Thursday, December 14, 2017. It was 5:30 am, had just begun snowing, and I slipped and fell about 15 minutes into my walk. Thanks to Lori Bardwell, whose house I was in front of, and Joe

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<p><b>TOWN OF MARION COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE</b></p> <p>The Marion Community Preservation Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Police Station conference room, 550 Mill Street, Marion. The purpose of the hearing is to review the 2018 Community Preservation Plan. Randy Parker, Chairman 12/21, 12/28, 1/4 (on-line only), 1/11</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by BRUCE CLAY, 10 Pine Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to extend existing deck 4' x 10' into space of existing stairs. Place 2 12" x 4' deep concrete footings to support new deck frame. Add 10" wide x 10' long x 4" thick concrete stair pad. The project is located at 10 Pine Road, Mattapoisett, and is further identified as Lot 59 on Assessor Map 2A. 12/21</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2018 in the main conference room at the Mattapoisett Town Hall at 6:30 pm on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by LOUIS F. KLEIN, JR.</p> <p>The Applicant requests that the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission approve the edge of the Bordering Vegetated Wetland as delineated as shown on the submitted plan.</p> <p>No work is proposed.</p> <p>The property is known as 7 Oakland Street and is further identified as Lot #23 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #8. 12/21</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by CAROL E. LAWRENCE, Trustee of the Gingras Nominee Trust, 73 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to construct a gravel road 16 feet wide with drainage</p>	<p>swale and drainage pond. 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Cynthia Callow, Chair 12/21</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by DAVID DUNN for Fresh Pond, Assessor's Map 2, Lot 161, Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant proposes to construct a floating osprey platform. 12/21</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT ANTASSAWAMOCK CLUB, INC PUBLIC NOTICE</b></p> <p>Antassawamock Club, Inc. will close its private roads to public traffic on Wednesday, December 27, 2017. Board of Directors Anne Bedser, Secretary 12/21</p> <hr/> <p><b>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number W17-5111 Linda L. Brownell NOTIFICATION DATE: December 21, 2017</b></p> <p>Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by LINDA L. BROWNELL to maintain stone jetties, a storm drain, portions of a solid filled pier and a float at 18 Grand Avenue, in the municipality of Mattapoisett, in and over flowed tidelands of Buzzards Bay. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent. The Department will consider all</p>	<p>written comments on this Waterways application received by within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).</p> <p>Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at (508) 946-2748. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.</p> <p>Written comments must be addressed to: Carlos T.B. Fragata, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 12/21</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>On January 8, 2018, the Marion Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the ADOPTION OF A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY to be presented for approval.</p> <p>Its adoption will allow the Town to enter the Complete Streets Program, where it can receive significant funding for local road improvements. The policy is standard and must follow model language by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. The public hearing will be held at the Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts 02738 at 7:10 pm. The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Office of the Planning Board. Any questions or comments can also be forwarded to the Town Planner, Gil Hilario, ghilario@marionma.gov or at 508-748-3513. Eileen J. Marum, Chairman Steven J. Kokkins, Vice-Chairman 12/21, 12/28</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Place your classified ads 24 hours a day 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com</b></p>

**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**  
by Stephan Pastis





(another daily walker), the authorities were notified and came to my aid. Within 20 minutes my condition was assessed, I was placed in the ambulance and on my way to the ER at Tobey Hospital.

My leg is broken and my ego is bruised, but I will mend.

Thank you, gentlemen, with all my heart.

*Sincerely,  
Patricia Cole*

### Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

**Monday, Dec 25:** No meals served

**Tuesday, Dec 26:** California chicken salad, German potato salad, cole slaw, whole wheat roll, peaches, cheese stick

**Wednesday, Dec 27:** Crunch lite fish, tartar sauce, potato wedges, peas & carrots, dinner roll, mini red velvet cake, diet: low sugar cake

**Thursday, Dec 28:** Roast turkey with gravy, cranberry sauce (2), mashed potato, winter squash, multigrain bread, applesauce

**Friday, Dec 29:** Buttermilk chicken, parsley mashed potato, green beans, oatmeal bread, pears

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by Dave T. Phipps





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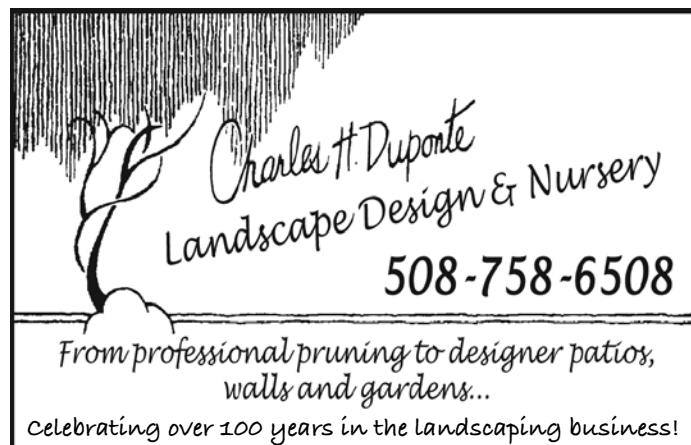
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### Gateway Youth Hockey

The Gateway Gladiators Mite C team lost another close game over the weekend 14-12 to Lower Cape. The team played well, mixing good defense in with some nice passing and good offense. **Tomas doCanto** led the way for the Gladiators with 5 goals and an assist, followed by **Kaden Silva** and **Des Murphy** (2 goals), **Will Manning** and **Jake Lovendale** (1 goal), and **RJ Murphy** (1 goal, 1 assist). **Caden Kosboski** played well in net, facing 48 shots on the day.

The Gladiator Mite House team got their first win of the season this weekend against YD, 18-1. The Gladiators came out to play and jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. Scoring for the Gladiators was **Kaden Silva** (10 goals), **Isabella Goll**, **Brodie Yeaw**, **Jack Wronski** (2 goals), **Jalayla Tillery** (2 goals) and **Caden Kosboski** (2 goals). Adding assists for the Gladiators were **Bree Killion**, **Kaleigh Silva** and **Myrick O'Neil-O'Connell**. **Brooke Whiteley** played goalie and stopped more shots that could be kept track off.

The Gladiator Mite House team fought hard last weekend vs. Lower Cape but came up short in a tough 15-10 loss. In net, **Peyton Ladd** was tested often and stood up to the challenge making many great saves. Scoring for the Gladiators was Yeaw (2 goals), Kosboski (3 goals), Kaden Silva (4 goals) and Goll.



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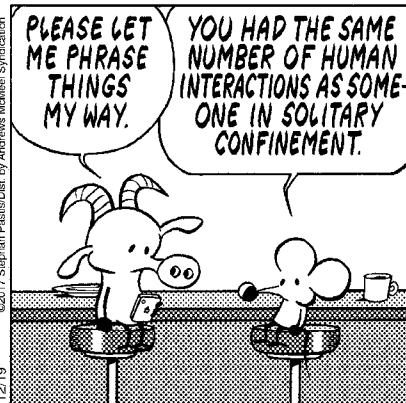
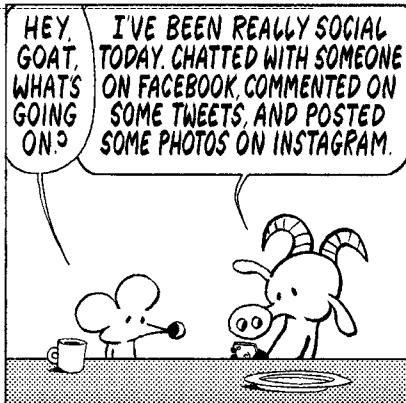
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If you would like to learn more about Helping Hands and Hooves, please go to our website at [www.helpinghandsandhooves.org](http://www.helpinghandsandhooves.org). If you have any questions, call Debby Dyson at 508-758-4717.



## Animal Advice

**Jay Gould, DVM**

*My parrot only like the sunflower seeds in her seed mix. How can I get her to eat the other seeds?*

I equate an all seed diet to an all-white bread diet. Ok, in the short run, but severely deficient over time. Seeds lack vitamin A and a number of essential oils.

*What should I feed my parrot?*

Feed pelleted bird food. It looks like dry dog or cat food but much smaller, and its formulated for birds. To this add fresh fruits and vegetables. Offer the seeds for 10 minutes in the morning and 10 minutes in the evening and leave the pellets, fruits and veggies available for the rest of the day.

You can contact Dr. Gould at 508-758-6400 or visit our website at [MattapoisettAH.com](http://MattapoisettAH.com)

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 FOR EACH OTHER.



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 FOR THE THOUGHTS AND  
 OPINIONS OF OTHERS.



THAT'S JUST  
 STUPID.

POINT  
 MADE.





## Rochester Country Fair Volunteers

The Rochester Country Fair is actively looking for volunteers to fill in many small and leadership positions for the 2018 country fair. The Fair is managed by an all-volunteer staff that comes from a variety of backgrounds and talents, each contributing their skills and time to provide a safe, family-friendly event that brings many smiles to all and lasting memories. Volunteers who have served the fair – some for a few years, others for many – like time have moved on, and we are forever grateful for their priceless service and time provided, but their absence leaves a void to fill. This is where you come in. An opportunity to join a dedicated team of volunteers at this year's country fair is waiting for you! Here is the list of positions that we need to fill:

- Children's events coordinators and support staff. If you love children and are creative, individuals are needed to organize and facilitate children's events over the course of the fair. We have several props from past events available and welcome new ideas.

- Several administrative positions requiring good organizational, communication, and Microsoft skills are as follows: coordination of insurance certificates, donation and sponsorship letters, coordination of fundraisers, press releases, scholarships, facilitation of the RCF brochure,

and general advertising and planning. Help of any kind is always welcome.

The Rochester Country Fair is a family-friendly agricultural fair held each year in August, but without the available positions filled, the fate of the country fair is in jeopardy. An opportunity to be part of the Rochester Country Fair team and creating long-lasting family memories, right here in your own backyard, is waiting for you! Interested? Then contact us at [rochestercountryfair@comcast.net](mailto:rochestercountryfair@comcast.net). We look forward to hearing from you.

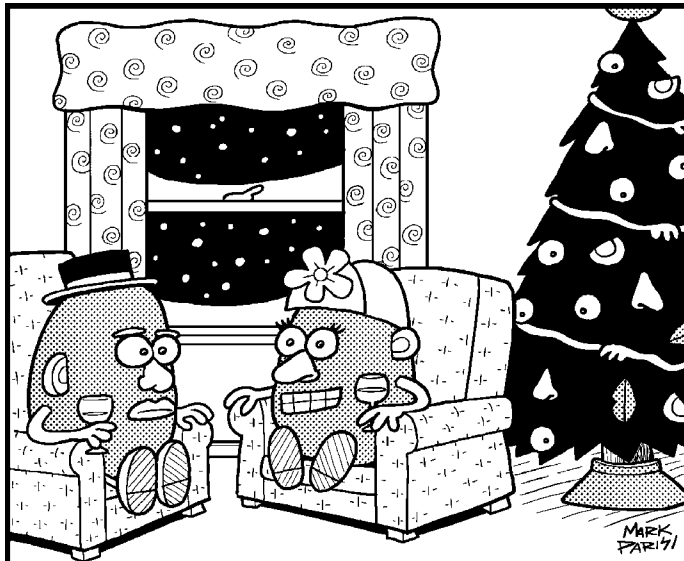
## Join the Friends of the Mattapoissett COA

Everyone is invited to join the Friends of the Mattapoissett Council on Aging, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. The FMCoA serves as the fundraising arm of the Council on Aging. You can become a "Friend" and help out through your annual membership.

Pick up the FMCoA membership application at the Senior Center or go online to download a form: [www.mattapoissett.net/sites/mattapoissettma/files/uploads/2018\\_friends\\_application\\_0.pdf](http://www.mattapoissett.net/sites/mattapoissettma/files/uploads/2018_friends_application_0.pdf).

Your membership will be valid through the end of 2018 and allows you to vote at the January Annual Meeting. For more information, contact Bob Kelley at 508-758-6311 or email [r.kelley@ieee.org](mailto:r.kelley@ieee.org).

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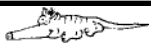
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## Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	December 21	9:38	10:03	2:50	3:34
Friday	December 22	10:16	10:44	3:29	4:08
Saturday	December 23	10:58	11:29	4:08	4:43
Sunday	December 24	11:44	...	4:50	5:23
Monday	December 25	12:16	12:33	5:40	6:11
Tuesday	December 26	1:05	1:25	6:44	7:09
Wednesday	December 27	1:58	2:21	8:03	8:11
Thursday	December 28	2:56	3:24	9:21	9:11
Friday	December 29	3:59	4:28	10:25	10:08
Saturday	December 30	5:00	5:29	11:21	11:02
Sunday	December 31	5:57	6:24		12:14
Monday	January 1	6:52	7:19	12:05	1:10
Tuesday	January 2	7:44	8:11	12:49	2:05
Wednesday	January 3	8:36	9:04	1:43	2:56
Thursday	January 4	9:29	9:57	2:38	3:42
Friday	January 5	10:22	10:52	3:30	4:27
Saturday	January 6	11:17	11:49	4:22	5:12
Sunday	January 7	...	12:12	5:17	6:04

<b>Phases of the Moon</b>	<b>First Quarter</b>	December 26th
	<b>Full Moon</b>	January 1st
	<b>Last Quarter</b>	January 8th
	<b>New Moon</b>	January 16th



## I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com) and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the December 14, 2017 issue the Aardvark was on page 68!

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Agile; 2. Share;
3. Tender; 4. Askew

Today's Word  
**HANGER**

Sudoku Answer

3	7	5	4	2	9	1	6	8
9	8	6	5	3	1	2	4	7
1	4	2	7	6	8	9	3	5
6	1	7	8	4	3	5	9	2
5	3	8	2	9	6	7	1	4
4	2	9	1	7	5	6	8	3
7	6	1	3	8	2	4	5	9
8	9	4	6	5	7	3	2	1
2	5	3	9	1	4	8	7	6

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